

Welcome to the 15th annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. This, our second pamphlet, is an update on, and cost information for, the Southeast's most complete lesbian and gay cultural event.

Our Steering Committee communicated with well over 20,000 people through the first pamphlet that was sent out concerning SECLGM, the oldest regional conference in the United States.

Raleigh, North Carolina's Capital City, will host the 1990 Conference, whose theme is "Working Together to Strengthen Our Southeastern Communities". There are many historical and contemporary realities of being a lesbian or gay man within this region, but there are many issues that transcend state boundaries. Social and cultural ties bind us together.

This region's most severe legal dilemma, Sodomy Laws, is the catalyst for much of the continued discrimination, intolerance and fear that Southeastern communities face.

Quality of life, involvement, and community strength are the issues embraced for this event. In the past, many lesbians and gay men in the Southeast were content to separate from their families and communities and live isolated, secret lives. But a new decade brings a

new positive attitude toward integrating back into our families and communities. For acceptance of our sexual orientation. For open, lifelong relationships. For conceiving or adopting children. For legal domestic partner status. For opening businesses, buying homes, becoming elected officials, taking care of our medical needs, entering the military. And for writing and publishing our own stories. We are becoming whole, functioning, community-minded people who enjoy life. The 1990 Southeastern Conference will reflect the region's contemporary lives, livelihoods, issues and dreams.

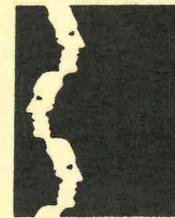
The '90 Conference Steering Committee extends an invitation to you, your life partner, families, friends and organizations to register now for this Conference; reserve vendor/display booths; call for our program booklet advertising rates; and make hotel and travel arrangements.

Please continue to contact us about various ways of participation. We look forward to hearing from you soon and meeting with you in Raleigh. Regardless of where you live in the 14 state region plus the District of Columbia, together we will make positive differences in the quality of our lives.

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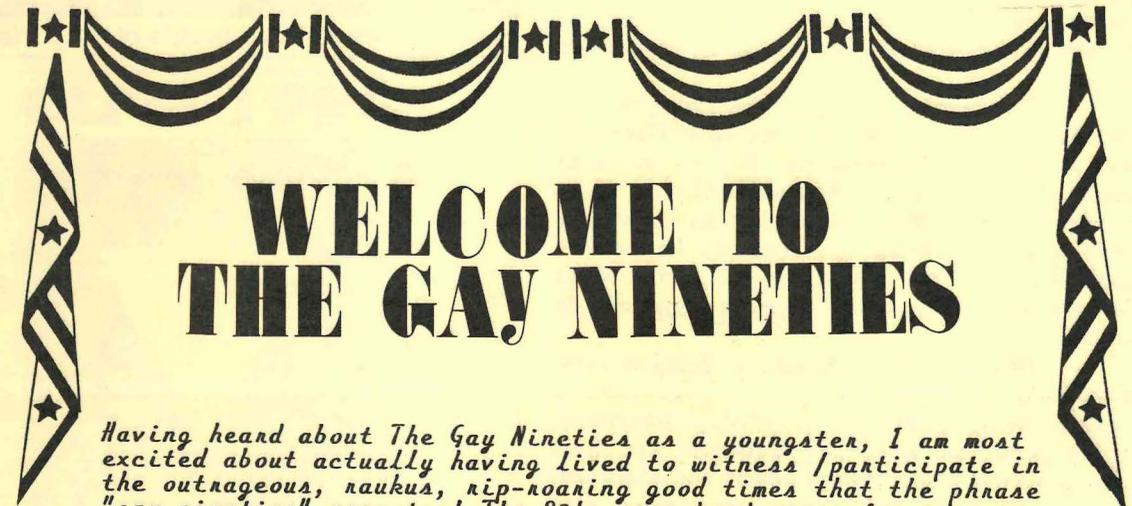
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First City Network, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation; an organization of concerned citizens focusing on the establishment of a Gay Positive Community. We are striving for a forum in which our members share ideas and strengths, stimulate personal growth, and enhance opportunities for socialization. FCN provides national, state, and local information and referral services regarding health care, counseling, education, advocacy, and mutual support.

Network News

Box 2442

Savannah, Georgia 31401



WELCOME TO THE GAY NINETIES

Having heard about The Gay Nineties as a youngster, I am most excited about actually having lived to witness /participate in the outrageous, raucus, rip-roaring good times that the phrase "gay nineties" connotes! The 80's were hard years for many in our communities...sharp escalation in hate crimes, AIDS, suicides, increased oppression on many fronts, divisions in communities... but we survived and we will prosper. Let's celebrate our endurance with a headlong rush forward into what we can make the best GAYEST NINETIES of all times! Celebrate! COME OUT! Enjoy! Be gay!

New sponsors of Hate Crime bill

Washington, DC - Senators Jim Sasser (D-Tennessee) and Sam Nunn (D-Georgia) this week signed on as co-sponsors of the of the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Acts, bringing the total number to 56.

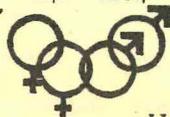
The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), which has lobbied Sasser, Nunn, and a host of other co-sponsors and potential supporters, is optimistic the bill can pass during the 101st Congress -- provided attempts by Jesse Helms to delete gays from the bill can be defeated.

The House of Representatives passed the bill last June 27 by a vote of 368 to 47. Last year the bill was passed by the House but killed in the Senate during a last minute move by Helms.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act directs the US Department of Justice to compile and publish data on crimes that manifest prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. Gay and lesbian activists see the bill as an important first step by the federal government in stemming the alarming increase of "gay bashing".

NGLTF's Anti-Violence project reported last year about 7,250 cases of anti-gay violence and defamation, with a vast majority of the incidents going unreported because of fear of anti-gay stigmatization and discrimination. In an earlier survey, NGLTF reported that one in four gay men and one and ten lesbians have been "punched, kicked, or beaten" because of their sexual orientation.

"If you are not personally free to be yourself in that most important of all human activities—the expression of love—then life itself loses its meaning."



Harvey Milk

National Lesbian Conference

P.O. Box 3057, Albany, New York 12203
518 463-1051

Dear Lesbians:

Thank you for your interest and support for the upcoming National Lesbian Conference. This conference is being planned with a commitment to being multi-cultural as well as geographically inclusive. This has set the pace of our process, allowing us only now to share with you the major decisions and planning structures that have evolved to date.

FACT: This conference will be by, for and about Lesbians, open to all women as long as the focus is lesbian concerns.

We have met twice for national policy planning meetings:

1st: Durham, North Carolina in March '89
2nd: Portland, Oregon in July '89
3rd: will be Kansas City, MO in April '90

(Minutes of these two previous meetings are available for \$7.50 per set from the National Office)

FACT: There have been numerous regional and local meetings nationwide.

WHO WE ARE: We are black lesbians, latina lesbians, native american lesbians, asian lesbians, white lesbians, deaf lesbians, lesbians with disabilities, jewish lesbians, lesbian separatists, lesbian mothers, old lesbians, lesbians living on the land, lesbians in the military, leather lesbians, lesbian jocks, working class lesbians, lesbian professionals, in short, a group representative of the many different elements that make up the lesbian community.

FACT: The conference will take place April 24 - 28, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia.

We have secured the Civic Center, which has a capacity of 5,000. Both hotels and community housing will be available. A brochure will soon be available with complete registration information. The National Office will move from Albany, NY to Atlanta, GA by April, 1990. We are committed to raising the money necessary to pay for office space and staff in Atlanta. It has been agreed that 1/3 of all monies raised in the regions will be sent to the National Office to support this expense.

FACT: There is a commitment that the planning and the conference will be inclusive, will represent our diversity, and will welcome all lesbians.

Fifty percent of the steering committee will be lesbians of color, twenty percent will be lesbians with disabilities, and there are commitments to have other planner seats filled by jewish lesbians, old lesbians, deaf lesbians, and other constituency voices.

In addition to constituency representation, the steering committee will also include regional participation. Ten regions, including the fifty states, British Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, have been defined. They are: New England, Mid-Atlantic, South-Southeast, Midwest, Central West, Gulf States, Mountains and Plains, Southwest, Pacific Coast, and Northwest. Each region will have four seats on the national steering committee.

FACT: We have set up the following working committees:

program, fundraising, nururance, mobilization and networking, disability and access, media, logistics, process and on-site planning.

We need Lesbians nation-wide to be a part of this process. It is our goal to have local contacts in every region. We need women to organize where they live and to gather input from their communities about what is important to Lesbian lives so we can identify the focus for the Atlanta conference. The gathering we are planning will be more than a traditional conference. For example, one full day will be set aside for various groups to meet, including Lesbians in medical fields, Lesbians in the trades, Lesbians in the military, etc. Other events we are planning include a National Lesbian Softball Tournament, a Lesbian Expo/Job Fair, and many other related events.

FACT: This conference will be planned using feminist principles and processes. Our process must reflect respect for each other and an agreement to be able to disagree. We will use consensus for our decision making; if this cannot be reached we will use 2/3 majority vote.

FACT: The conference will be organized by a broad-based national grassroots coalition.

FACT: We will have fun!

TO MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY WE NEED YOUR HELP.

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE.

NLC ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC.

HIRING TWO NATIONAL STAFFERS
Please spread the word in your community!

ORGANIZER/ACTIVIST - The NLC is hiring a lesbian activist to coordinate conference organizing from the national office in Atlanta, GA. This lesbian will work with the national steering committee, the work committees and the Atlanta committee on logistics, networking, accessibility, media, some fundraising, programming, etc. Start March 26, 1990, end May, 1991. Salary range: \$16K - \$20K. Send resume and cover letter to: Hiring Committee/Conference Organizer, National Lesbian Conference, P.O.B. 3057, Albany, NY 12203 by February 28th.

FUNDRAISER - The NLC is hiring a lesbian fundraiser to coordinate national fundraising from the national office in Atlanta, GA. This lesbian will work with the national fundraising committee and local fundraisers to raise sufficient money for national expenses. Fundraising will include personal solicitation, direct mail, raising funds from local committees, as well as national, state and local organizations, grantwriting and maybe some event work. At least three years experience necessary. Start April, 1990, end April, 1991. Salary range: \$16K - \$20K negotiable. Send resume and cover letter to: Hiring Committee/Fundraiser, National Lesbian Conference, P.O.B. 3057, Albany, NY 12203 by February 28th.

Bring families out of shadows

By Thomas B. Stoddard
Guest columnist



Thomas B. Stoddard is executive director, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

NEW YORK — Millions of Americans live their lives in shadow. The relationships they most cherish are accorded no recognition at all by the law and, therefore, very little by the society generally.

Consider this recent call: A woman in her 30s, suddenly gravely ill, had entered a hospital in suburban New York. She was unmarried and had no children. But she did have a companion of nine years — another woman who was in spirit, if not law, her "next of kin."

Since they were related by neither blood nor marriage, the companion felt compelled to lie to the hospital about her identity. She said she was the woman's sister. She believed that otherwise she would have been excluded from her partner's bedside.

The fact the women are lesbians is of less significance than the emotional and social bond they share. They live together, love one another and regard their mutual relationship as paramount. They ought to be able to secure and protect that relationship. But at present, virtually all relationship rights flow only from the concepts of marriage or blood relationship. A "household" under tax law covers only married couples. Em-

ployers limit health benefits to spouses and children. Apartment leases typically permit additional occupants only if formally related to the named tenant.

Perhaps there was a time when everyone's central relationships were by blood or marriage, but that time, if it ever existed, has ended. For many, many adults, marriage is unavailable, inadvisable or simply undesired. Parenthood is similarly limited.

Los Angeles and San Francisco have enabled unmarried couples

to register as "domestic partners." The New York Legislature has passed a law nullifying leases that limit occupancy by blood or marriage. And now New York's highest court has interpreted "family" in a rent-control law to cover "two adult lifetime partners whose relationship is long term and characterized by an emotional and financial commitment and interdependence."

Such steps are not only practical and humane. They are socially wise — for they affirm the basic human values of love and commitment.

USA TODAY

What needs to be done with the sodomy law

Georgia's sodomy law is an affront to the gay and lesbian communities because it effectively criminalizes their sex lives. Yet, as the case of James Moseley shows, the law makes no exception for heterosexuals. Mr. Moseley, you'll recall, spent 18½ months behind bars when he admitted in court to having had oral sex with his wife.

To his credit, Superior Court Judge Robert J. Castellani threw out the conviction last September on the grounds that it violated Mr. Moseley's marital and domestic privacy. But because Attorney General Michael J. Bowers declined to appeal, the decision is not binding throughout Georgia. And, it's unclear how the ruling relates to consensual sodomy between unmarried heterosexuals or between homosexuals.

It is therefore up to the General Assembly to do away with this Victorian invasion into our private lives. Rep. J.E. "Billy" McKinney (D-Atlanta) proposes a law exempting adult heterosexuals from the law. His much more sensible daughter, Rep. Cynthia

Ann McKinney (D-Atlanta), would exempt all consenting adults.

The issue is simple: The state should not be in the business of telling grownups which kinds of private consensual sexual behavior are and are not permissible. (Passing an exemption for adult heterosexuals might result in the law's being overturned in court, but that's an uncertain, as well as an unprincipled, strategy.)

In this regard, it's unfortunate that on Monday activists from the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) staged a carnivalesque protest calculated to touch every homophobic nerve under the Gold Dome.

In a poll taken by this newspaper last month, 51 percent of legislators favored amending the sodomy law, with only 18 percent opposed. This is a case where heterosexual male legislators from South Georgia and Atlanta's gay community ought to be able to make common cause. Let's hope ACT-UP hasn't messed it up.

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ID's made from 10-11pm

SUN: BEER BUST 4:30pm until 2:00am
Shows 10:30--11:30--12:30

activities

It seemed like just another cold day in December, but expectations were high. There were only eight more shopping days til Christmas but that wasn't the reason for the excitement. It was Dec. 16th! The FCN Christmas Caroling Carriage Ride was about to hit the downtown streets of Savannah!

The party started at 7pm, and unlike most parties everyone (I believe we lost 2 people) was there by 7:45 because the carriages were to leave at 8pm sharp. This year as an added feature we had a haywagon along with the three carriages. Of course, all lesbians rode on the haywagon, but next year we will try to integrate. Booklets with the words to many of our favorite Christmas carols were handed out, and the carriages hit the streets!

The noise that accompanied four horse-drawn carts holding 60 people singing Christmas carols at the top of their lungs was enough to bring many downtown residents out on their porches to see what all the commotion was about. The caroling experience lasted only an hour, but then most of us were hoarse by then anyway. So disembark from the carriages, and it's back up to the party!

Although it was the carriages and the caroling that drew the people, the party was nearly as much fun! Our caterers, Phyllis and Cathy supplied us with scrumptious edibles. Our hostesses Jean and Nan graciously offered their space (which was large enough to hold 60) and decorated well to capture the Christmas spirit. Speaking of spirits, the only beverage missing was eggnog and that shouldn't be overlooked next year.

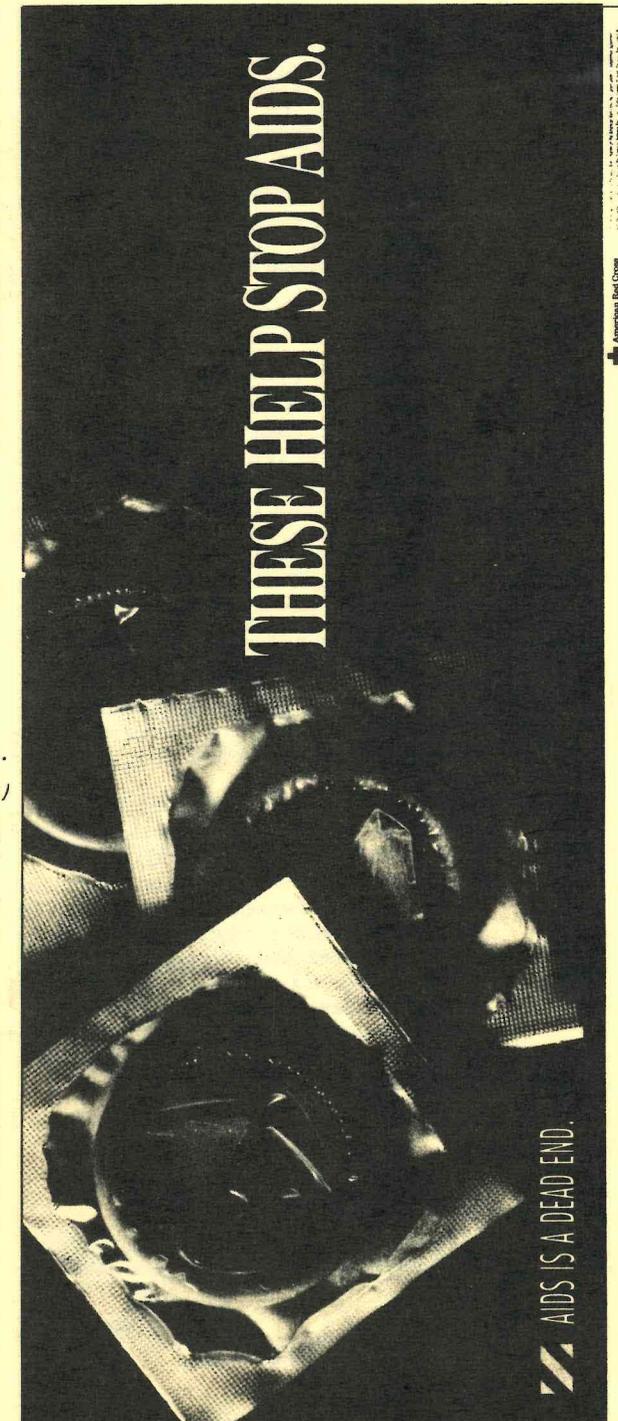
There were so many that helped to make this party the success that it was. Thanks Bonnie for helping with the beer. Thanks Wilson for your liquor donations. Thanks Patty for pushing Diane for the haywagon. Thanks to the drivers for safely carrying those caroling carriage carolers. And thanks to me for organizing the party and preparing those 'swell' booklets.
Emma

Ed.'s note: THANKS A BUNCH, EMMA!
YOU DONE GOOD!

SIGOURNEY WEAVER

Actress Sigourney Weaver is changing \$1 for her autograph and contributing the proceeds to AIDS research. Sigourney says, "Nobody refuses. Some say, 'Here's \$20.' It changes the whole experience of giving out autographs. It stops being about a celebrity and becomes two people sharing."
(The Gourmet Club)

THESE HELP STOP AIDS.



AIDS IS A DEAD END.



Book Review
Equal Affections

by David Leavitt

Weidenfeld and Nicolson Press \$18.95

Reviewed by John DeFord

David Leavitt's third novel, "Equal Affections," gives us an intimate portrait of a family and its struggle to come to terms with the death of its independent, defiant and sharp-tongued matriarch. The mother, Louise, has been battling cancer for twenty years. The story moves toward its inexorable end.

The two children, Danny and April, have left home. Danny, a lawyer, lives in New Jersey with his lover, Walter. April, the lesbian song writer, is a singer and celebrity in the emerging lesbian community.

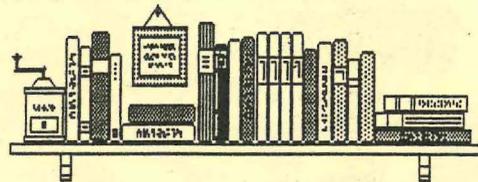
April chooses to bear a child, fathered by a gay man. Both Danny and April, though alienated from both father and mother because of their sexual orientation, strive for "equal affection" not only with each other, but with their mother.

Leavitt's writing is witty, perceptive and often moving when he writes about estrangements in families, stifled emotions we cope with and reconciliations.

Leavitt's second novel, "The Lost Language of Cranes," was received with critical acclaim. It was in the forefront of the breakthrough that gay writers are making in the mainstream of current literature.

"Lost Language" is a well-told story of a gay son who discovers his father is gay also.

David Leavitt grew up in Northern California, graduated from Yale University and now lives in East Hampton, New York.



(THOR REPORTER)

Giving.

Those of us who made it through this past Christmas know about giving.

FCN needs to thank some folks for making this holiday a bit cheerier;

- * The Christmas Carriage Ride People
- * Jim and Dale (H.H. Condo Raffle)
- * All the folks who bought tickets.
- * But most importantly, all you FCN members.

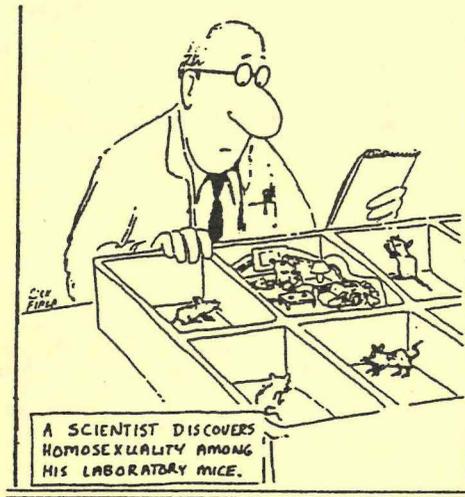
FCN runs on volunteers. Volunteers who give of their time, money, or talent. Without these volunteers FCN would not be what it is today.

The Board has many goals this year. We want to provide our members with social events, a political voice, and a community more responsive to our needs.

Consider what you can give this year. We need to hear from you.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

John Van Cott



AVERAGE SCORES FOR HOUSE & SENATE DELEGATIONS BY STATE
FIRST SESSION—101ST CONGRESS

Percentage of time entire House or Senate state delegation voted with NGLTF

| STATE | HOUSE | SENATE |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| Alabama | 38% | 25% |
| Alaska | 0 | 25 |
| Arizona | 13 | 25 |
| Arkansas | 12 | 71 |
| California | 65 | 63 |
| Colorado | 46 | 38 |
| Connecticut | 79 | 75 |
| Delaware | 83 | 54 |
| Florida | 15 | 18 |
| Georgia | 55 | 50 |
| Hawaii | 49 | 100 |
| Idaho | 12 | 0 |
| Illinois | 53 | 75 |
| Indiana | 57 | 50 |
| Iowa | 54 | 50 |
| Kansas | 13 | 50 |
| Kentucky | 48 | 25 |
| Louisiana | 27 | 25 |
| Maine | 38 | 75 |
| Maryland | 64 | 88 |
| Massachusetts | 91 | 88 |
| Michigan | 62 | 75 |
| Minnesota | 69 | 75 |
| Mississippi | 54 | 17 |
| Missouri | 47 | 54 |
| Montana | 50 | 34 |
| Nebraska | 42 | 63 |
| Nevada | 12 | 63 |
| Nevada | 0 | 34 |
| New Hampshire | 53 | 88 |
| New Jersey | 42 | 88 |
| New Mexico | 76 | 88 |
| New York | 46 | 34 |
| North Carolina | 63 | 50 |
| North Dakota | 31 | 67 |
| Ohio | 37 | 50 |
| Oklahoma | 37 | 75 |
| Oregon | 48 | 75 |
| Pennsylvania | 42 | 100 |
| Rhode Island | 94 | 100 |
| South Carolina | 12 | 25 |
| South Dakota | 38 | 50 |
| Tennessee | 35 | 71 |
| Texas | 41 | 13 |
| Utah | 25 | 100 |
| Vermont | 86 | 75 |
| Virginia | 47 | 75 |
| Washington | 90 | 88 |
| West Virginia | 52 | 50 |
| Wisconsin | 61 | 50 |

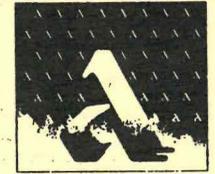
NGLTF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT
FIRST SESSION VOTING SUMMARY
101ST CONGRESS

Number of Members who voted with QR against NGLTF all the time

| TOP HOUSE STATE DELEGATIONS | | TOP SENATE STATE DELEGATIONS | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------------|------|
| Rhode Island | 94% | Hawaii | 100% |
| Massachusetts | 91% | Rhode Island | 100% |
| Washington | 90% | Vermont | 100% |
| Vermont | 86% | Maryland | 88% |
| Connecticut | 79% | Massachusetts | 88% |
| New York | 76% | New Jersey | 88% |
| Hawaii | 69% | New Mexico | 88% |
| Minnesota | 69% | New York | 88% |
| California | 65% | Washington | 88% |
| Maryland | 64% | Connecticut | 75% |
| Delaware | 63% | Illinois | 75% |
| North Dakota | 63% | Maine | 75% |
| Michigan | 62% | Michigan | 75% |
| Wisconsin | 61% | Minnesota | 75% |
| Indiana | 57% | Oregon | 75% |
| Georgia | 55% | Pennsylvania | 75% |
| Oregon | 55% | Virginia | 75% |

| BOTTOM HOUSE STATE DELEGATIONS | | BOTTOM SENATE STATE DELEGATIONS | |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska | 0% | Idaho | 0% |
| New Hampshire | 0% | Texas | 13% |
| Wyoming | 0% | Utah | 13% |
| Arkansas | 12% | Mississippi | 17% |
| Idaho | 12% | Alabama | 25% |
| Nevada | 12% | Alaska | 25% |
| South Carolina | 12% | Arizona | 25% |
| Arizona | 13% | Kentucky | 25% |
| Kansas | 13% | Louisiana | 25% |
| | | South Carolina | 25% |

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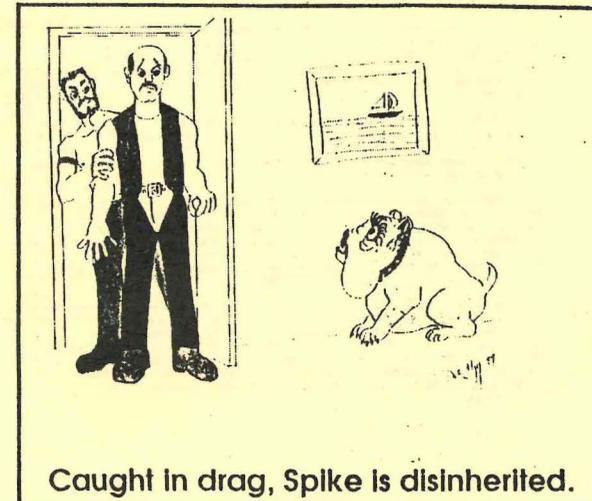
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BY CHUCK FORESTER

Ann Landers doesn't usually tell her readers off. That's why it came as a surprise to see the two recent columns where she came down firmly against readers who attacked the idea of gay marriages. One subtle writer from Wisconsin had put the case for bigotry rather bluntly: "those faggots should go back in the closet where they belong." Ann's response was right on target, stating her shock at the "viciousness and intolerance" of those opposed to legitimizing gay relationships.

Mixed in with the anti-gay sentiments Ann printed were letters of support, many from heterosexuals who knew a gay man or lesbian. One father wrote that he had two sons, one straight and one gay. Both deserved the same rights, he said. His response should not have surprised me, because it only confirmed a point that pollsters discovered some time ago: Support for gay rights is greatest among those who know a gay person.

Unfortunately, most heterosexuals know only what they learn from the mass media. Twenty years ago, Stonewall was but a blip on the media's radar screen. Ten years later, lesbian/gay stories were beginning to appear. Today the power of gay politics and the AIDS epidemic have put us on the front page of every major daily in America and the evening news. Despite the attention, to most Americans, gays and lesbians remain an unknown quantity; we're an abstract entity, not people with hopes, dreams and lives.

Until we tell the public who we are they have little to go on. For example, their images of gay men are often limited to the Religious Right's slanderous view of us as sexual perverts, the popular media's vision of a misunderstood boy next door dying of AIDS, and the traditional stereotypes of the mincing hairdresser and the lesbian mechanic. With the exception of a few accurate depictions of gay diversity seen on little watched P.B.S. documentaries, the majority of heterosexuals have little else.

One reason why Barney Frank's recent problems generated such interest in the mainstream press is because he is a living, breathing homosexual who is willing to talk about his personal life. Of course, some of the media used his story to bash gays, but many publications -- including Newsweek -- used Barney to teach readers a great deal about the pressures of being gay in a homophobic society. Barney has shared a very real-life story with Americans. He has been honest about it, and that's news because people want to know about us.

While few of us will have the impact of a Barney Frank, all of us can make a difference. Too often we are shy about sharing our personal stories with friends, family and coworkers. They, in turn, are reticent, fearful of offending by asking questions. In some cases family and friends don't know enough about gay people to begin framing the questions they might have. Still, they want to know who we are.

I know from experience the kind of questions they have. When did you discover you were gay? Have you ever faced discrimination? How do you meet other gay people? How did your parents react? Do you enjoy being gay?

All of us should start answering those questions for the heterosexuals we know. The more we talk about being gay, the more our neighbors, friends and families will understand the need to combat homophobia and bigotry. Our answers will give them information, the kind of information that can replace the stereotypical views of gays and lesbians with a more honest view of who we are. Just as important, our answers can forge new allies in the fight for equality.

Some of you will say, "I don't have anything new to add. My stories aren't interesting." Don't believe it. Even if you convey the fact that your life is more like your straight friend's life than different from it, that's important information. It needs to be told. And it is best told to people you know.

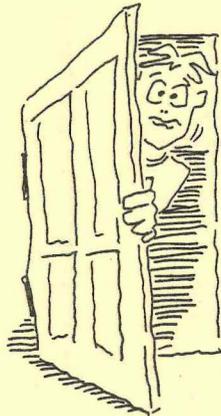
From my personal experience working as an up-front gay man in generally non-gay environments, I know that unless I begin the discussion the information never gets exchanged. It is time we start telling non-gay Americans about who we are. In the process we enrich our lives and theirs.

Our stories are often very interesting. First of all, each of us lived part of our life as two people: as the private, fearful gay man or lesbian and as the apparently straight colleague or friend or child. Second of all, we have been forced to think long and honestly about who we are. As a result, we have some experience in differentiating between what we'd like to believe about ourselves and the truth.

Whether we like it or not, gay men and lesbians are hot news today. After years of effort and struggle, the issues of importance to the lesbian and gay community are now on the national agenda. Decisions that affect our future are going to be made in the next several years. If we want those decisions to be positive, we have to tell the world more about ourselves. We have to provide the evidence that gays and lesbians are everywhere.

Some may resist, but most people who know you want to hear your story. We can make the world we share with others a little less tense and a lot more honest by telling the stories of our lives. It is important part of building the better place that all of us want to leave for the next generation of lesbians and gay men.

Chuck Forester is the founder and president of Quarles Associates, a management and public policy consulting firm in San Francisco. He serves as Co-Chair of the Board of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.



SAT. NIGHT LIVE: DEAD WRONG?

"Wayne's World" is a recurring skit on NBC's *Saturday Night Live* about Wayne (written and played by Michael Myers), a teenager who runs his own public access cable show. Last season several of these skits used the word "fag" as an insult. This season, "homo" seems to be the epithet of choice.

Another recent skit on SNL was called "The Big Bitch Bulldyke Breakout," in which Zsa Zsa Gabor and Leona Helmsley break out of jail to escape beatings by an overweight lesbian.

Humor, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. But if SNL doesn't use words like "nigger," "coon," "kike," and "spic," why are "fag," "homo" and "dyke" alright? And why are gay people always the butt of the show's gay "humor"; why isn't homophobia targeted for ridicule so teenagers get the point that gay-bashing is *not* cool?

Part of the problem may be that since Terry Sweeney left the cast several seasons back, all the performers have been (ostensibly) straight. Isn't it time for another openly gay cast member, particularly if the show engages in humor about gays?

We suggest you send your opinion to Lorne Michaels, Executive Producer, *Saturday Night Live*, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, and to writer Michael Myers at the same address.

AIDS FOCUS

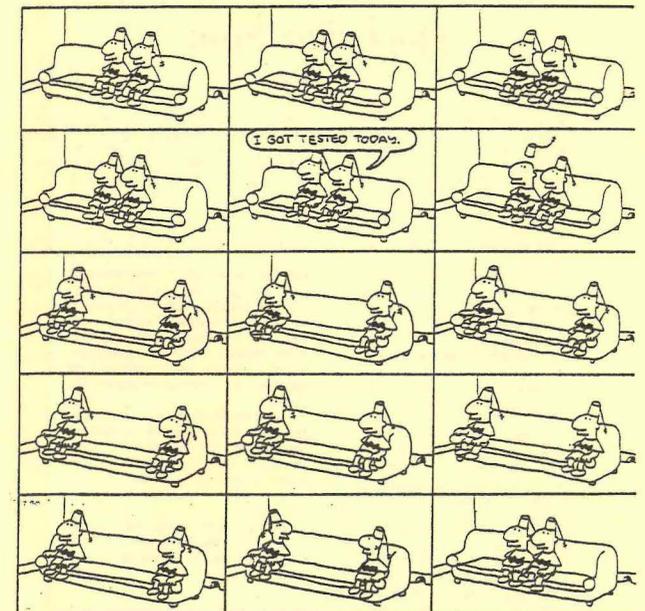
LEVELS OF RISK INVOLVED IN SEXUAL ACTIVITIES

| No Possibility of Transmission of HIV | THEORETICAL: NONE EVIDENCE: NONE |
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| Solo Masturbation | Erotic Talk |
| Mutual Masturbation on Unbroken Skin | Unshared Sex Toys |
| Dry Kissing | Nipple Stimulation (without drawing blood) |
| Body-to-Body Rubbing (Frottage) | Nibbling/Biting (without drawing blood) |
| Telephone Sex | External Urination |
| Voyeurism | External Defecation |
| Erotic Films, Videos, Books, Magazines | Receptive Cunnilingus with Barrier |
| Fantasy | Receptive Analingus with Barrier |
| Exhibition | Insertive Analingus with Barrier |
| Low Risk of Transmission of HIV | THEORETICAL: YES EVIDENCE: NONE |
| Wet Kissing | Receptive Fessatio without a Condom |
| Internal Urination (ingesting urine) | No Ejaculation |
| Analingus without a Barrier | Insertive Cunnilingus without a Barrier |
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| Insertive Fessatio with a Condom | Receptive Cunnilingus with a Barrier |
| Receptive Fessatio with a Condom | Receptive Cunnilingus without a Barrier |
| Moderate Risk of HIV Transmission | THEORETICAL: YES EVIDENCE: SMALL |
| Insertive Cunnilingus without Barrier during Menstruation | Receptive Penile-Vaginal Intercourse with Condom |
| Receptive Fessatio without Condom and with Swallowing of Ejaculate | Insertive Penile-Rectal Intercourse with Condom |
| Receptive Fessatio without Condom, Ejaculation without Swallowing | Receptive Penile-Rectal Intercourse with Condom |
| Insertive Penile-Vaginal Intercourse with Condom | Sadomasochistic Activity where Blood is Drawn and Proper Blood Precautions are Followed... |
| High Risk of HIV Transmission | THEORETICAL: HIGH EVIDENCE: HIGH |
| Receptive Penile-Rectal Intercourse without Condom | Coitus Interruptus (intercourse with withdrawal before ejaculation) without Condom |
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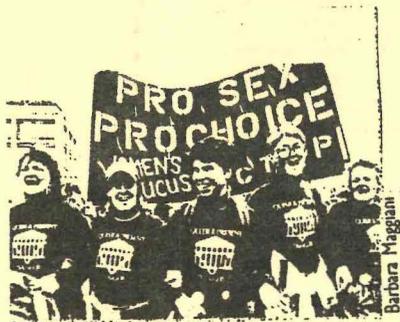
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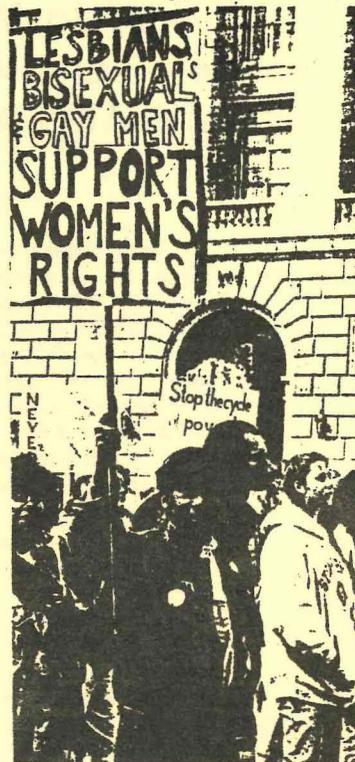


The 1987 March on Washington drew 700,000 queers, though the event was ignored by the straight press.

Marilyn Humphries



Barbara Maggiani



Nancy Wechsler

Lesbians continuing to fight for reproductive freedom were joined by gay men as Reagan, Bush and the Supreme Court gutted abortion rights



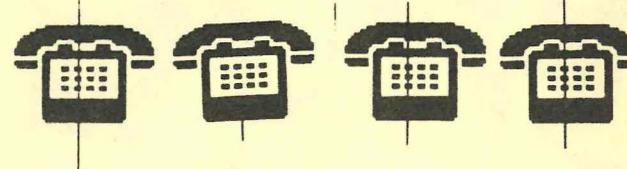
The AIDS crisis sparked a resurgence of activism and civil disobedience by gay men and lesbians

Homo visions of the 80s



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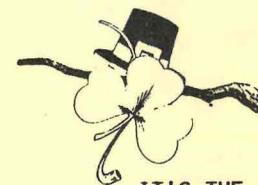
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Happy
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IT'S THE 166th WEARIN' O' TH' GREEN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17, AS SAVANNAH AGAIN KICKS OFF IT'S ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND FESTIVITIES. SAVANNAH HOSTS THE COUNTRY'S SECOND LARGEST PARADE (SECOND ONLY TO THE "BIG APPLE" BUT TWICE AS VOGUE), AND FIRST CITY NETWORK PLANS ANOTHER LONG WEEKEND DESIGNED TO SHOW OUR CITY-SLICHER COUSINS FROM THE HINTERLANDS HOW TO PARTY. PARADE MORNING WILL START WITH HEARTY BREAKFASTS: BOTH A MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST. THESE ARE AT SEPARATE LOCATIONS (SEXIST) BUT WE JOIN TOGETHER FOR A PARADE WATCH NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF LIBERTY & ABERCORN STREETS, SE CORNER. MICHELLE HAS AGREED TO ONCE AGAIN MANAGE THE DAY AFTER OYSTER ROAST, SUNDAY STARTING AT 2pm, WHICH WILL FEATURE BODACIOUS QUANTITIES OF OYSTERS, BEER, LANDLUBBER PICNIC FARE (HOT DOGS, BEANS, COLESLAW, ETC.), AND OTHER CUSTOMARY DELIGHTS. DON'T MISS IT!!! WE GIVE GOOD GREEN!





Fourth Annual St. Paddy's Day Men of F.C.N.* Breakfast

Saturday, March 17, 1990
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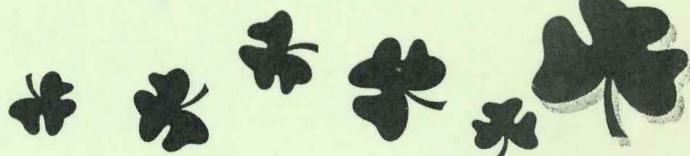
7 A.M.: Open House and Morning Prayer
8 A.M.: Breakfast Served (until supplies are gone)
10 A.M. "ParadeWatch '90"
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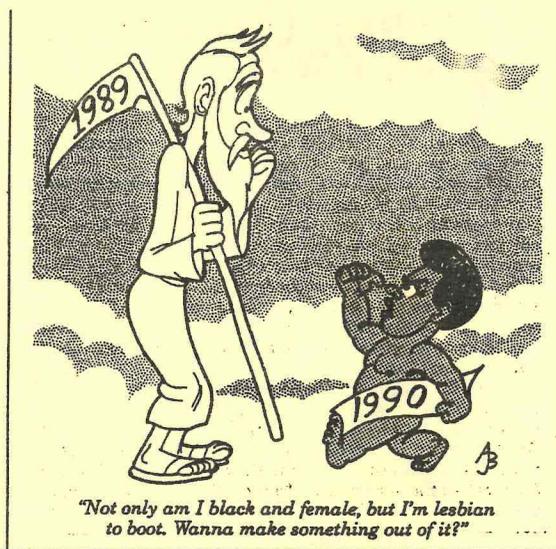
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SPECIAL REPORT

Dear Members ...

Dave Gillooly

It's a name you may not be familiar with - at least not right now. But hopefully soon you will be.

Dave is heading up a new project of the Union Mission called Phoenix Place. Phoenix Place will provide housing and an in-house clinic for people with AIDS.

Hopefully no one reading this knows of anyone in that situation - homeless with AIDS. But we've all heard of it and won't be surprised to know there are people walking the streets of Savannah in such a condition.

Dave came to our last Board meeting to ask for our help. Not the Board's help. The Gay Community's help. Unfortunately our finances preclude a donation. So we are asking for your help.

OPTION 1 Tax Deductible Contribution Keep in mind that contributions to FCN and/or Phoenix Place are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. So not only will you be able to help those less fortunate, but next year you'll be able to write off the contribution.

OPTION 2 Dave has suggested an "Adopt A Room" program. As a group we could provide the funding or items for a room at the house.

I feel very strongly about this. Dave has come to us for help. There are people out in our community who will fill those beds as soon as the doors open. This is something we can do to help those less fortunate. I hope you'll agree that FCN can and will make a difference.

Please call me and let me know what you can do - 352-2645.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Southeastern conference

The Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, the oldest regional conference in the nation, will be held in Raleigh, N.C. from March 22-25, 1990. The 15th Conference will have a number of workshops on issues facing lesbians and gay men in the 1990's, including Southeastern Strategy toward Sodomy Laws, and The Effect of AIDS on Society. The conference will have six speakers in areas such as Elected Officials, Religion, Legal, Medical and Sports. For information on the 1990 conference, write to SECLGM at P.O. Box 28863, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-8863 or call 919-833-1209. Registration forms may also be obtained locally at the GLCCB, 241 W. Chase St. Call 837-5445.



Psychiatrist writes: orientation is innate

By Harlen Adams

Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development

Richard A. Isay
Farrar, Straus, Giroux. 1989

Dr. Isay, clinical associate professor of psychiatry at Cornell Medical College, assumes, as did Freud, that sexual orientation—gay or straight—is innate, probably a biological given. This is the first book to define a normal path of psychological development for homosexual men. It provides for therapists concrete guidance in working with homosexual men, and for gay men an emphatic account of their development.

Parents, also, will benefit from the clear, easy reading account of the normality of their sons.



An Invitation



On March 18th, 1990 (Sunday) FCN will host it's fabulous ST. PATRICK'S DAY OYSTER ROAST from 2 til 7pm at Tybee Island Memorial Park. Donations will be \$6.00 MEMBERS and \$10.00 nonMEMBERS (of course you could join for \$15.00 and save yourself some money--think about it!). Included in your fee will be beer, sodas, oysters, hot dogs, beans, chips, potatoe salad, volleyball, horseshoes, and fun, fun, fun, fun!!!!!! Those attending should purchase tickets as soon as possible since this event always seems to attract a lot of out-of-towners as well as the local crowd, and you want to be time prompt to insure your share of oysters and beer (they always seem to disappear first). Oyster-eaters, please bring your own equiptment, for only a small supply will be furnished. Spring is here so let's get together in the sunshine and bring it in in the proper way! Those wishing to bring music cassettes are welcomed to do so---the stereo system will accommodate. Anyone needing info or willing to help in any way, please contact Michelle at 786-4614 or call 236-CITY---all Board members will have tickets available for sale. This event takes place rain or shine!! Bring your lounge chairs--time for the tan.



Michelle

A Note of Thanks

The Jan. 21st GAY NINETIES SOCK-HOP was a success due to all the wonderful people who volunteered their time and efforts to insure such. The food and decorations were wonderful; the beer and punch was cold and delicious; the music and dance contest was quite exciting; and the costumes were not only creative but very realistic. This function was a special "reach-out" for those who needed something different, and those available for a Sun. function. Our goal was to raise money for our computer, but sad to say the turnout didn't get us anywhere close to the funds needed. However, those attending all seemed to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Again, I personally would like to thank all who gave of themselves so selflessly--God Bless you.

Michelle



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SOCIAL RESPONSE

by Joyce Woody

When someone asked how I got to the concert that night I just said, 'Jeanie and I came together.'

When someone asked how I got to the bowling alley last week I just said, 'Jeanie and I came together.'

A simple, direct answer to a simple, direct question but I dare to wonder . . .
how many eyebrows would raise
how many faces would furiously flush
how many friends would turn away

if, when asked what I did last night,
I were to simply and directly answer, 'Jeanie and I came together.'

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ANGRY CALLS: CBS News got socked with 300 phone calls Wednesday from angry listeners who complained about comments of Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., on Wednesday's *CBS This Morning*. He told co-host Kathleen Sullivan she was "mistaken" that gay rights are civil rights. Dannemeyer wouldn't appear with representatives from the gay community, so they'll get their chance to respond on the show this morning. **USATODAY 2-1-90**

Gay postal art show

All gay artists are invited to submit 8 1/2" x 11" flat art or photograph for inclusion in quarterly international gay mail art show. The objective is to create an open channel communication with no restrictions on what flows through it. Documentation provided free to all participants. Send entries (not returnable) to: GM Artists, P.O. Box 300006, Minneapolis, MN 55403, USA.

Gay soap opera to test the genre's boundaries

By James T. Jones IV
USA TODAY

Two new soap operas finally step out of the stuffed shirt, WASP world of daytime TV. Fox network's *Tribes*, due in March, will focus on California teen life. And in a bold move, biweekly *Forbidden Passions* — a candid look at gay life — debuts at various times and days this week on community-access cable channels. Syndicated soap columnist

Lynda Hirsch, who's often complained about the homogenous predictability of network soaps, heralds the new shows. "But the hook is not enough. Are they going to be good shows?" David Gadberry of Golden West Productions produces, writes and acts in *Passions*. "We're going to tackle issues that daytime series have been afraid to approach." *Passions* debuts in 16 major cities including Denver, Hous-

ton, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Nashville. Never has a soap caused such a stir. Reports that *Passions* will show men kissing and together in bed have attracted instant media attention. The Rev. Donald Wildmon, of the conservative watchdog American Family Association, plans to boycott the show's sponsors. Says the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coal-

ition, "You don't want this kind of behavior coming on access TV where children can have access to it." Says Gadberry, "I'm just trying to promote a positive image for the gay community and better understanding for the non-gay community." Set in fictional Orange-thorpe, Calif., *Passions* is taped in Orange County, Calif., where Gadberry lives. "A lot of the story line is based on real events," says

Gadberry, who adds that many scenes will reflect his life. Characters include Chaz Cavanaugh, described as a gay J.R. Ewing, and June Tshwalla, a radical lesbian. One story line has a character coming out of the closet. "It's time for America to see the pain of coming out," says Gadberry. If successful, Gadberry hopes *Passions* could move to broad-based cable TV next year.

BREAKING THE BARRIERS

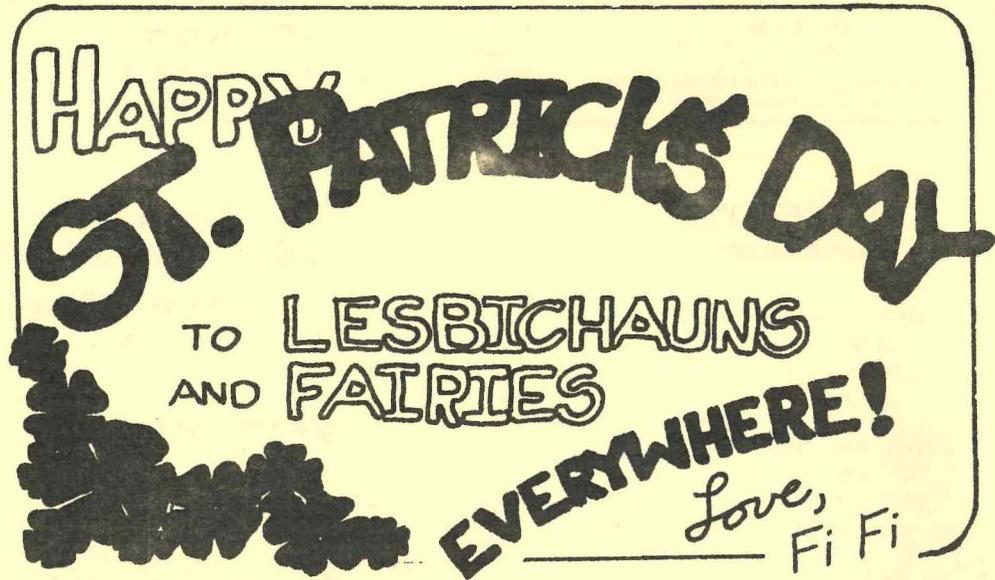
In looking towards the Gay 90's consider strengthening our body politic in these 7 ways printed in "The Gourmet Club":

1. Stop begging for acceptance. If camp out on the doorstep of society waiting for the climate to change, you'll be there until Joan Rivers registers Democratic. Accept yourself joyfully & with no apologies, & then get on with the adventure of your life.
2. Don't run away from straight people. You have plenty to teach your straight friends about tolerance & humor.
3. Refuse to cooperate in the lie. Doesn't it gall you a little that your "discreet" lesbian social studies teacher went home every day to her cats & lover without once giving you a clue that there was hope for your own future?
4. Stir up some shit now and then. If you don't raise some hell, nothing will ever change.
5. Don't sell your soul to the Gay commercial culture. Don't submerge yourself completely in the quagmire of gay ghetto life, then wonder why your life seems loveless & predictable.
6. Stop insulting the people who love you by assuming they don't know you're gay. Many already know, and accept you for who you are.

7. Learn to feel mortal. Surely AIDS has reminded us--your days are numbered, kid. Are you living for them, or you and the people you love? Why waste a single moment of your time seeming to be something you don't want to be? Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start hoisting your sails. You haven't a moment to lose.

Two more personal points to keep in mind:

1. The way we experience life depends on what we think about life. Self-hatred comes from hating a thought about yourself. You think, 'I did this so I'm a bad person'. Change the thought, and the feeling goes too. It's never too late to change your thoughts.
2. Don't have enough money? If you make a list of what you want to do with your life and what you need to become the kind of person you'd like to be, you'll see that you can achieve it all without huge amounts of money. Beyond a small sum, money makes little difference if you are happy and have friends.



Pair's 'incredible love' recalled

An interview with P-FLAG member Beverly Barbo, dealing largely with her book about her gay son who died of AIDS, was the cover story of a Fall issue of *The Second Stone*.

The Second Stone is a national newspaper for gay and lesbian Christians that brings together information that cuts across many denominations.

Its September/October, 1989 cover features a picture of Barbo and her son, Tim. The story describes how, after Tim's death, Barbo felt compelled to write her account of Tim's life and his relationship with his partner, Tom.

"I wanted people to see what I had seen—the incredible love that is possible between people that society considers castaways," Barbo is quoted as saying.

The book, *The Walking Wounded*, was self-published by Barbo and her husband, Dave, in Lindsborg, Kansas. It

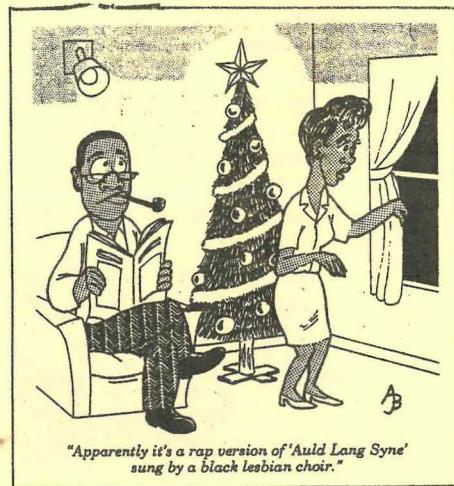
has sold more than 3,500 copies in less than two years, an unusual volume for a self-published work.

Since its publication, Barbo has been invited to speak in schools, seminars and other institutions in 14 states.

In her talks, she stresses the value of her son's life, the integrity of his relationship with Tom, and the need for mainline churches to publicly validate gay and lesbian relationships.

"After witnessing the generous, unselfish love shared by Tim and Tom, and the loving support of the gay community that was there for Tim and for me during his final days, I am convinced that faithful gay and lesbian relationships are good and should be blessed by churches," she says.

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BLK January 1990

Gay group wants Andy Rooney suspended from CBS programs

By Gerry Yandel
Staff writer

A gay advocacy group is calling for the suspension of CBS News personality and "60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney because he made an anti-gay remark on his end-of-the-year news special last month.

"There was some recognition in 1989 of the fact that many of the ills that kill us are self-induced," Mr. Rooney commented on the special, which aired Dec. 28 and was carried by WAGA/Channel 5. "Too much alcohol, too much food, drugs, homosexual unions, cigarettes, they were all known to lead quite often to premature death."

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) are scheduled to meet today with CBC News vice president David Corvo to voice complaints against the network news department for anti-homosexual

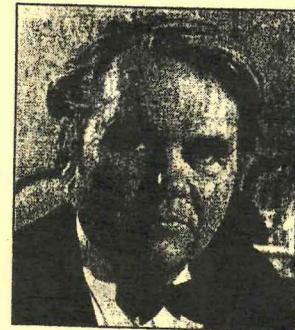
reporting and especially Mr. Rooney's remarks, a group spokesman said.

"He's giving out fundamental incorrect information about AIDS," said GLAAD assistant director Karin Schwartz. "If Andy Rooney, or anyone else, had said something similarly offensive against any other minority, that person would have been fired. You only have to look at Jimmy the Greek."

"Jimmy the Greek" Snyder was fired from CBS's "NFL Today" after making racial statements to a television reporter.

Mr. Rooney could not be reached for comment, but a CBS News spokesman said, "CBS News has received the group's letter and is reviewing the matter at this time."

Ms. Schwartz said Mr. Rooney wrote a letter to *The Advocate*, a gay newsmagazine, making more anti-homosexual statements as well as racial statements. Maga-



Andy Rooney
CBS commentator

zine editors will not comment on the contents of Mr. Rooney's letter, other than to confirm that the statements were made. The letter will appear in the Feb. 14 issue.

GLAAD started a file on Mr. Rooney in October after he wrote in his syndicated newspaper column: "I feel the same way about homosexuals as I do about cigarette smokers. I wouldn't want to spend much time in a small room with one but they don't bother me otherwise."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
101st Congress

HR 655, CIVIL RIGHTS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1989

Legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation.
Chief sponsor: Ted Weiss (D-NY)
74 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities. Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.
No action scheduled.

HR 1048, HATE CRIME STATISTICS ACT

Legislation to collect statistics on crimes that manifest prejudice on the basis of race, religion, homosexuality, heterosexuality or ethnicity.
Chief sponsor: John Conyers (D-MI)
126 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice.
House Committee Report #: 101-109
The House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice unanimously approved HR 1048 on May 18, 1989. House Judiciary Committee approved the bill by a vote of 33-1 on June 22. The House approved the measure on June 27 by a vote of 368-47. Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved S 419 on March 9, 1989. Pending floor action in the Senate.

HR 1280, IMMIGRATION, EXCLUSION AND DEPORTATION AMENDMENT ACT

Legislation which, among other things, would repeal the exclusion of lesbian and gay people from immigrating to the U.S.
Chief sponsor: Barney Frank (D-MA)
70 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law.
Received a favorable markup in subcommittee in April, 1989. Pending full Judiciary Committee action. A coalition of organizations will be pushing for full Judiciary Committee consideration by the spring of 1990.

HR 2273, AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Legislation designed to extend civil rights protections to handicapped persons, including those with AIDS and related conditions.
Chief sponsor: Steny Hoyer (D-MD) & Silvio Conte (R-MA)
219 cosponsors
Referred to: Committees on Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Public Works and Transportation.
The Committee on Education and Labor approved HR 2273 on November 14 by a vote of 35-0. Pending action in 3 other Committees of the House. The Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources unanimously approved S 933 on August 2. The full Senate approved the legislation on September 7 by a vote of 76-8-16.

HR 3423, AIDS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ACT

Legislation to provide appropriate housing for individuals with AIDS and related diseases.
Chief sponsor: Jim McDermott (D-WA)
3 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs
No action scheduled although the Committee is expected to consider some type of housing legislation early in 1990.

APPROPRIATIONS BILLS TO WATCH IN 1990

- Department of Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education
- Department of the Interior and Related Agencies
- District of Columbia

MILITARY

NGITF is lobbying for congressional intervention into the homophobic policies of the military in regards to lesbian and gay service personnel and lesbian and gay Veterans.
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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
101st Congress

S 14, AIDS HEALTH SERVICES ACT OF 1989

Legislation to provide for a grant program to assist eligible consortia in providing services to individuals with AIDS or AIDS-related complex.
Chief sponsor: Alan Cranston (D-CA)
2 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on Labor and Human Resources.
No action scheduled.

S 47, CIVIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 1989

Legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation.
Chief sponsor: Alan Cranston (D-CA)
8 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution.
No action scheduled.

S 419, HATE CRIME STATISTICS ACT

Legislation to collect statistics on crimes that manifest prejudice on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity.
Chief sponsor: Paul Simon (D-IL) & Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
56 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on the Judiciary.
Senate Committee Report #: 101-21
Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved S 419 on March 9. Pending floor action in the Senate. House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice unanimously approved the legislation on May 18. Full Judiciary Committee approved HR 1048 by a vote of 33-1 on June 20. The House then approved the measure on June 27 by a vote of 368-47.

S 933, AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Legislation designed to extend civil rights protections to handicapped persons, including those with AIDS and related conditions.
Chief sponsor: Edward Kennedy (D-MA) & Tom Harkin (D-IA)
57 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Handicapped.
Senate Committee Report #: 101-116
The Committee on Labor and Human Resources unanimously approved S 933 on August 2. On September 7, the full Senate approved the bill by a vote of 76-8-16. The House version has passed one committee in the House and is pending action in three others. The full House will consider the measure following consideration by all 4 committees.

S 1782, LOW-INCOME TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT OF 1989

Legislation to provide for the establishment of an AIDS treatment assistance program for low-income individuals.
Chief sponsor: Edward Kennedy (D-MA)
44 cosponsors
Referred to: Committee on Labor and Human Resources.
Senate Committee Report #: 101-197
Legislation was unanimously approved by the full committee on November 1, 1989. Pending floor action in the Senate.

APPROPRIATIONS BILLS TO WATCH FOR IN 1990

- Department of Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education
- Department of the Interior and Related Agencies
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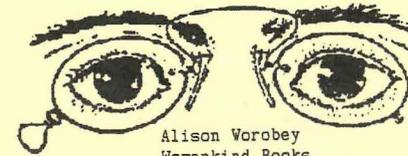
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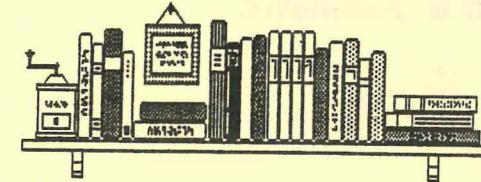
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Book Review



ACCEPTING OURSELVES

The Twelve Step Journey of Recovery from Addiction for Gay Men and Lesbians
by Sheppard B. Kominars

Using Alcoholics Anonymous' successful program of the twelve steps, Kominars adapts them to extraordinary circumstances of gay men and lesbians who suffer from the disease of alcoholism. His goal is to help meet the special needs and understanding of the community.

His "road map" for recovery for gay men and women touches upon areas that otherwise would be largely ignored by most heterosexual writers. I must say, though, that I was disappointed when I first read through the book to find only a short paragraph explaining his reasons for not dedicating any significant portion of his book to people with AIDS- "...to AIDS patients and those with HIV-positive tests would require an entire book...". The impact AIDS has had on the community would indeed require an entire book, but somehow, I felt his dismissing it as too large an issue to deal with right now, left me with a sense of it being once again brushed away into the shadows- too powerful of a subject to be tackled. This is disappointing from a gay author.

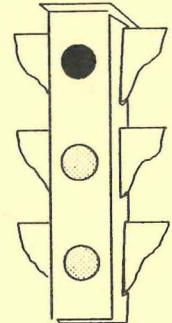
Kominars draws an interesting parallel between the process of coming out as a gay man or woman and coming out, or accepting oneself as an alcoholic. It is the fact of affirming, Kominars tells us, that brings power and enlightenment into our lives. It takes courage to come out of any isolated closet, and the closet of the alcoholic is filled with shame, guilt, and denial. Many gay people will admit to those same feelings before they could stand up for themselves and feel free to affirm their identity.

The bulk of the book deals directly with the twelve steps to recovery for an alcoholic. Each step has a chapter dedicated to it and Kominars gives suggestions and limited insight into how to work those steps for a speedier recovery. Although most of the suggestions could be taken to include people of all different sexual orientations, he does advise seeking other gay men and women to help sponsor your recovery process, and to use as role models when difficult times arise.

Understanding the self loathing that may be associated with ones own sexual preference, largely due to societal pressures, Kominars continually reaffirms ones right to being, no matter what that may encompass. In one chapter on taking a personal inventory, (step four of the A.A. twelve steps), Kominars tells us that being gay is not a character defect, that "it is as much of a character defect as having blue eyes when 90% of society has brown".

I believe Accepting Ourselves is an important book, because it recognizes the fact that gay men and lesbians have needs that are not always the same as others who live a more mainstream, accepted life. It also gives vital information about gay self-help groups that are available- and in so doing, it tells us; WE ARE NOT ALONE. Isolation has claimed more than enough people, freezing their emotions and laying the groundwork for denial, and ultimately, despair. Although the disease of alcoholism knows no limits as to who it will claim, to have a book written about alcoholics who happen to be gay or lesbian is a bold and courageous undertaking. If you are one of the many people who are gay or lesbian and have issues surrounding alcohol, pick up this book and read it. You are not alone, and this book proves it.

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GUEST ESSAY

In the last Board meeting, mention was made of the fact that some people would like a 2-tier pricing arrangement at our fund raisers.

On the surface, this is a reasonable request. And it was tried once.

However, what was found was that some folks weren't honest. When they bought the non-alcoholic ticket, they were in fact drinking our alcohol.

So even though we were "burned" that time should it influence our decision now?

Of course!

Fund raisers are just that. They are planned by volunteers, carried-out by volunteers, and cleaned up by volunteers. All for the purpose of raising money.

And what does this money go for?

Well, the newsletter printing, publishing and mailing takes up a huge chunk. It costs more for you to get your newsletter than the cost of your membership.

Telephone bills. It costs us monthly to have our listings in the phone book. That, plus the monthly phone charge can easily run to fifty plus a month.

First City Network has few fund-raisers when you consider the costs of our organization.

We would love to be everything to everybody.

Really - we would.

But we can only settle on appealing to most of the people. So our fund-raisers will continue to have one price. Though we will try to offer a member's price and a non-member's price. Remember - our fund-raisers are just that FUND-RAISERS.

Paving the Way to Equality: Creating a National Family Registry

by Kathleen Stoll

In last fall's round of elections, San Francisco voters were asked to affirm a measure providing bereavement leave for lesbian and gay partners of city employees. Although the vote was close, we lost this precedent-setting battle to gain a small degree of "official" recognition of lesbian and gay families. We can only speculate about why we were defeated. It does seem clear that additional groundwork must be laid to move the general public to a point where it is willing to recognize lesbian and gay relationships as valid and healthy. The National Family Registry, created by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is one of the tools to lay that groundwork.

The National Family Registry is a central repository of records of lesbian and gay families who wish to stand proud and be counted. The Registry broadly defines family as a person's primary and most important affectional and personal support system of close relationships. The Registry was created to increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families in the media, in the halls of Congress and in state legislatures.

In many American minds, all lesbians and gay men are seen as either some far left angry political movement or sad, desperate strangers slinking in alleys. We must educate all Americans that lesbians and gay men have wonderful, healthy families based on love, trust, support and respect, the qualities that best define any family. We cannot allow the the far right to define family by its own arbitrary standards and simplistic formulas (1 male + 1 female = the perfect union). As we lobby this nation's lawmakers to recognize the right of lesbians and gay men to equality, we should proudly point to our own families. Educating the public about the strength of our relationships must be a top priority for our lesbian and gay rights advocates.

How can we do this education? The National Family Registry is part of the answer. It is critical that we increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families. We must openly celebrate our relationships. "Straight" couples receive constant support from the legal system, the mainstream media and in everyday culture. Even without this constant reinforcement of our relationships, we create our own families through strong bonds of love and commitment that withstand society's pressures to destroy us. Let's tell the world our beautiful, brave family stories!

We must replace the stereotyped images of lesbians and gay men with real images of our relationships. Perhaps the most important lesson for many Americans will be learning that our families have the same joys and problems, the same hopes and dreams, the same happy times and dramas that most other families face. The extraordinary information we can share with many people is that we are not really that different.

During the next decade, our lawmakers will be making critical decisions about lesbian and gay rights. These lawmakers, and their constituents, will make the right decisions if they have an accurate picture of our community --- not the picture painted by the "Religious Right". The National Family Registry needs the help of lesbian and gay families from across the country to be successful. The more families that register, the stronger our message. We can paint our own bold self-portrait.

For more information about the National Family Registry or to obtain registration materials, please write the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Attn: National Family Registry, 1012 14th Street

Support

As the year changes over to the 1990's, we begin to look forward to the things we like to do in the warmer part of the year. Of course, early Spring can only make us think of St. Patrick's Day. But what of early Summer? Why, the PROM of course. So this year's Prom Committee is gearing up for the Gay Nineties Prom. So vital to making the Prom affordable to everyone are our attempts at fundraising. Already we have had a crab-boil and an oyster roast, and a lovely garden party in the works as we speak. With each attempt at fundraising, we come closer to paying the expenses of such a production. If it were not for these smaller events, the cost of this classic evening would be double what it now costs the prom-goer. All year long our committee of volunteers work to put on an event we have all come to be very proud of. The work is tremendous at times, as is any job of fundraising. The millions of excuses that people use for not supporting these events makes me think that the reason for it has been forgotten --- to cut your cost on Prom night. Any FCN or ACE Board member past or present knows also how hard it is to raise funds in order to keep alive the dream of a better future. The idea we should keep in mind is that to raise funds, whether for a good time, a needed organization, a computer, or whatever the noble cause, it is necessary for us all to contribute and support these events. We should all want to see things like FCN, the Carriage Ride, The Prom, Sock-Hops, ACE, and any gathering of our people in a town known for it's hospitality. So let's support these fundraisers so that they will continue to be offered.

Emma

"If you are not personally free to be yourself in that most important of all human activities—the expression of love—then life itself loses its meaning."



Harvey Milk

Cats and their Dykes

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The following is a letter from a former FCN Board member, Treasurer, hard worker, and all-round good gal Patty Latham, a.k.a. Peppermint Patty, who is at the moment somewhere between here and Anchorage, Alaska--hopefully closer to there since she was due there around Mar. 1st--who has left Savannah for far bigger adventures! Have mate-will travel, huh Patty? (We love ya!)
The Editor

To FCNers,
I want to take a moment to say '90 Hell-o to everyone; those who know me well, those who know the name and those who don't (but should have!). Also, I wanted to thank the Board members, and any one else who participated in presenting me with my wonderful plaque that I will cherish for quite some time. During my time involved with First City Network, I met many people, men and women, that affected me in a highly positive manner. The one person on the top of that list is Lawrence Marley. Lawrence, I want to thank you for all the experiences that I was happily a part of with you. Some of those times were a challenge, but that's what life is all about and makes it more exciting. The rest of the list is miles long, so I want to say thanks to everyone for all the mind and heart-opening experiences.

Peppermint Patty
alias Patty Latham

P.S. Have a great Gay 90'S!

Marine Corps admits error in Baum case

In a brief filed on December 27, 1989, the United States Marine Corps conceded that the prosecution of lesbian Corporal Barbara Baum on sodomy charges last year was constitutionally flawed. The Corps has asked that Baum's conviction, for which she served six months in prison, be voided and that the case be sent back for a new trial.

"While we are thrilled that the military has finally begun to recognize the injustice dealt Barbara Baum, it does little to mitigate the horror of the six months she spent in prison," stated Brendan Collins, an attorney with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold & Porter, who represented Baum in her appeal.

"We are filing a motion to dismiss the charges," Collins stated. "Dismissal of the charges against her -- which were outrageous to begin with -- is the only appropriate remedy for the egregious and unconstitutional conduct of military in the case."

The Marine Corps acknowledged that the judge in Baum's court martial erred in not excusing, or more extensively questioning, a juror who was tainted

with prior knowledge of her case. The juror had been present at Baum's "Article 32 hearing," a procedure similar to a grand jury hearing, and thus he was familiar with facts in the case. According to the Marine Corps, the man's subsequent service as a juror at Baum's trial raised the "vivid appearance of impropriety." His "extrajudicial knowledge of essential facts" in her case, the Corps stated, "may well have prejudiced appellant's right to a fair trial."

Baum's lawyers had objected on these grounds throughout the proceedings against her but their objections had been opposed by the government and were denied by the trial court. The Marine Corps' change of position was not explained in its papers.

Baum was one of three women court-martialed, while several dozen others were administratively discharged from the Corps, in connection with the 1988 Parris Island investigations.

In a case closely related to Baum's, the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project represents a second Marine, former Staff Sergeant Christine Hilinski,

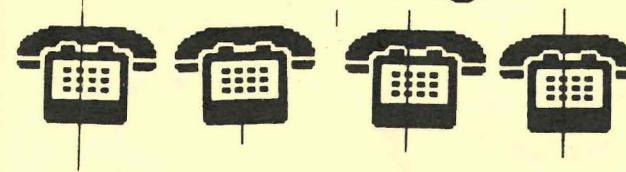
who was penalized solely for testifying as a character witness for one of the lesbians court-martialed at Parris Island. The ACLU has filed a complaint on behalf of Hilinski which alleges that her sanction was unconstitutional and seeks to have her military records corrected. The officer who was responsible for Hilinski's discipline, Colonel Nunnally, was

a juror in the Baum court-martial, which was another ground upon which Baum's conviction has been challenged.

The appellate court, the United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review in Washington, will now have to decide whether to permit the marines to try Baum again or to order that the charges against her be dismissed.

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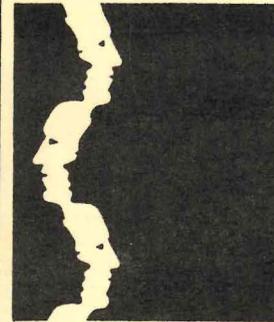
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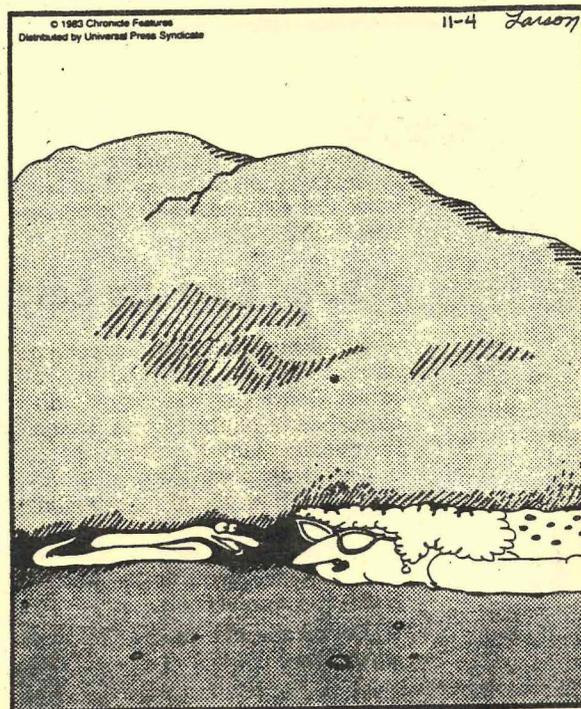
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THE FAR SIDE



"It's true, Barbara . . . You're the first woman I've ever brought here."

The limitations of HIV testing:

"Indeterminate" HIV test results pose difficulties in interpretation

The difficulty in interpreting tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, has once again brought words of caution from AIDS researchers. In a recent report in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, infection with HIV may go undetected by the Western Blot test for HIV antibodies for an average of eighteen months after HIV antibodies are detectable on the ELISA HIV antibody test.

In current practice, an individual's blood must produce a reaction on both the Western Blot and the ELISA before the individual is considered to be infected with HIV. The reason that both tests are used has to do with cost and accuracy. The ELISA test is cheap and easy to perform. Unfortunately, while the ELISA test is extremely sensitive to the presence of antibodies produced by an individual immune system under assault by HIV, it may also react to other chemicals in the blood and may produce a false positive result.

On the other hand, the Western Blot is much more expensive and requires highly trained professionals to interpret. The advantage of the Western Blot is that it is an extremely specific test that is unlikely to respond to other chemicals in the blood. The drawback of the Western Blot is that it misses low levels of HIV antibodies. Therefore, the Western Blot is used to confirm the positive results of the ELISA; if you are positive on both it is virtually certain that you are in fact infected.

The current problem arises in those cases where the ELISA is positive and the Western Blot is negative. In current practice, these cases are called "indeterminant"—meaning maybe you are infected and maybe you are not.

Generally, individuals with indeterminant results are advised to have the HIV screening repeated after a period of time, usually several months. If a person is really infected, the more time that passes the higher the levels of HIV antibodies a person will develop. So, eventually the Western Blot should be able to detect them.

But how long is long enough for a person to wait so that they can know with a high degree of certainty that theirs was really a false positive and not the lag between developing low and high levels of antibodies. The time between developing a positive ELISA and a positive Western Blot was as long as 42 months for gay men with indeterminant results in this study.

Because of this long time period, the researchers and public health officials recommend that indeterminant results in individuals with histories of high-risk behaviors be retested more than once over an extended period of time and that the individuals act as if they were infected in regard to health monitoring and protecting others from infection. ▼

GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE GAY TALK

Forty-five resident-advisors (RAs) attended a Gay sensitivity session, providing two and one-half hours of spirited debate with six panelists. I attended representing First City Network. Besides myself there were two gay students, a gay professor, and two other panelists providing insights, observations, facts, and figures to a highly interested and diverse group of students.

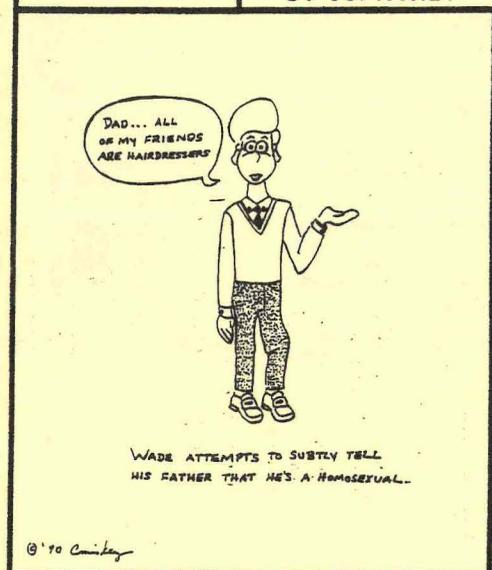
On the negative side, about one-third of the RAs felt that a homosexual lifestyle was wrong, primarily for religious reasons. But on the positive side, they were the minority and only a few were virulently antagonistic.

For a majority of the students it was the first time they had "seen someone gay". And I felt after the session that most of them will open their eyes a little wider and see reality a bit clearer. After all, that is one of higher education's goals.

Mark Krueger

BOOM BOX

BY COMISKEY



WADE ATTEMPTS TO SUBTLY TELL HIS FATHER THAT HE'S A HOMOSEXUAL.

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The News

monogamy for me!

Me, old fashioned? Traditional? Not on your life. But having been happily shackled up with the womon-o'-my-dreams for a solid year now, I find that monogamy agrees with me.

My love and I have several friends and acquaintances who consider themselves to be in non-monogamous relationships and who appear, along with their partners, to be satisfied with the arrangements they have. As my one, brief experiment with non-monogamy was rather a disaster -- although it did lead directly to my current state of affairs (as it were) -- I don't know how in the world anyone manages to pull it off.

Oh, I understand the rationale for it. It has to do with freedom, flexibility, independence, not expecting or wanting one person to meet all one's needs, the feeling that "I'm too young (or too newly out) to be married." There's nothing wrong with that.

At the same time, it's definitely not for me. Many people would undoubtedly feel stifled by the kind of relationship I'm in; for my part, I remember feeling damned insecure in the days before there was a warm and constant presence in my life. ("Warm and constant presence" -- sounds like I'm referring to Gawd or something, doesn't it? Jimmy Swaggart, eat your heart out.)

It does wonders for my mental health (such as it is) to have a cuddly person in bed with me every night. I am not speaking of sex, though sex is a blast. I am speaking of spooning and snuggling, crooning disgusting endearments and falling asleep back to back or entangled or just touching toes. For this brash, tough, world-weary dyke, nothing beats awakening lazily on a Sunday morning to the muffled sound of a coffee grinder and sitting around with Teresa for hours in our bathrobes, reading the paper and spinning CD's and talking.

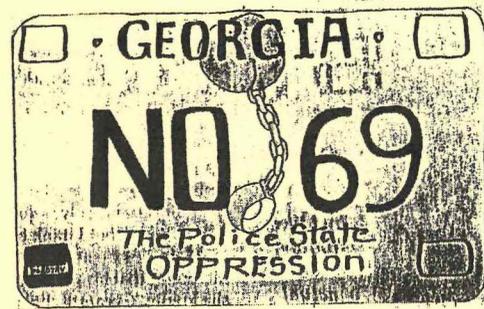
Not that such pleasures are foreign to the non-monogamous. It's just a matter of how predictable or complicated, comfortable or exciting you want your life to be, and whether you want to be in the position of having someone else's needs to consider all the time. There are periods in one's life when one wishes to be free to pursue one's own interests, times of wanting to be intimate with more than one person, or with no one at all -- and times such as now, for me, when it is lovely to be picked up at work, to be taken care of when the flu hits, to feel Teresa come up behind me and kiss the back of my neck while I do the dishes.

Perhaps we haven't been significant others long enough yet. My experience

PURE GOLDSTEIN

JANET FROM ANOTHER PLANET

of monogamy has little to do with so solemn and intimidating a concept as MAKING A COMMITMENT. At this point we simply feel like being together. This includes doing laundry and grocery shopping together, being with each other all weekend long, and -- because it seems to make sense -- making plans for the future. It's just what feels good right now.



SENATE REJECTS HOMOPHOBIC AMENDMENT, SECOND MAJOR GAY VICTORY IN LESS THAN A MONTH

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MARCH 1, 1990).....

In a major victory for the lesbian and gay community, an anti-gay amendment offered by Sen. William Armstrong (R-Co.) went down to defeat today. The victory represents the second time in less than a month that the Senate sided with the lesbian and gay community on a critical vote.

In February, Sen Jesse Helms (R-NC) led an effort to attach anti-gay language to the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and was soundly defeated. In today's vote, the Senate rejected the Armstrong amendment which would have allowed organizations in the District of Columbia to bar any lesbian or gay man from serving as a "role model, mentor, or companion to any minor."

Armstrong sought to weaken the strong protections for lesbians and gays included in the Washington, D.C., Human Rights Ordinance. He said that the law is being used to force Big Brothers and similar organizations to admit homosexuals into their programs as counselors and role models. The amendment was, however, drafted broadly, and would have applied to all institutions which serve children in Washington. For example, lesbians and gays could have been fired from schools, refused positions in volunteer organizations and prohibited from treating young children in hospitals.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), working closely with the lobbyists from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, devised the strategy and led the floor fight that defeated the amendment.

"The Senate rejected the obviously false notion that lesbians and gays can not be appropriate role models or that we pose a threat to children. Once again Sen. Kennedy has taken the lead in fighting the bigotry we face on Capitol Hill. He was a strong and effective champion," said Stephen Smith, legislative director with HRCF.

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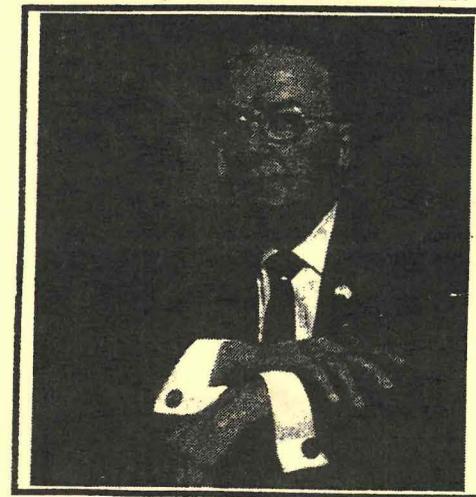
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JESSE HELMS — KNOW THE ENEMY

Supreme Court leaves untouched military service ban on gays

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear two appeals challenging the military's ban on gays serving in the Army and Navy.

Miriam Ben-Shalom served in Wisconsin's army reserve from 1974 to 1988 and was denied re-enlistment because she is openly gay. Navy reservist, James Woodward, acknowledged during enlistment in 1972 that he was gay but answered 'no' when asked if he engaged in homosexual acts. Woodward was placed on inactive duty in 1974 and asked to resign when he was seen sitting in the Officer's Club with an enlisted man who was being discharged for homosexuality.

In both suits, lower courts upheld the Pentagon's right to ban homosexuals from service on the grounds that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence of such members adversely affects the ability of the armed forces to maintain discipline, good order and morale." According to the Pentagon, a soldier may be discharged for engaging in, or even wanting to engage in, homosexual acts.

This action follows only months after the release of a Pentagon study recommending that the military reconsider its anti-gay policy in light of the overwhelming evidence that no relationship exists between sexual orientation and military performance. The report, conducted by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center, concludes that there is no empirical evidence to support Pentagon assertions that gays and lesbians present a greater security risk than heterosexuals and equates the military ban on gays to the same kind of discrimination that blacks and women faced when they sought to serve. ▼

The News

"National Family Registry" hopes to prove gays have families, too

In the wake of the failure of San Francisco's domestic partnership law on election day, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has decided to develop a nationwide family registry program to build grass roots support for the concept of lesbian and gay families.

HRCF hopes the Registry will play an important role in building national support for domestic partnership laws and changes in federal law to end discrimination against lesbian and gay relationships.

"We can no longer wait for lesbian and gay men in long-term loving relationships to be validated and acknowledged by this country's legislative and political bodies," HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley stated in announcing plans for a National Family Registry. "The lesbian and gay community is going to have to lay the groundwork first."

"Of course, the national registry will not include all gay and lesbian families, but it will provide a central repository of records for families who wish to be a part of the national registry and want to be known as a visible and proud family unit," he said.

"Many lesbians and gays have created true families, with strong bonds of love and commitment that withstand society's pressures to destroy them. While we fight to broaden society's definition of the family to encompass lesbian and gay relationships, we

must provide support and validation to our own community," McFeeley said.

"These family units are not limited to traditional domestic partnerships or two-person couples," said Kathleen Stoll, Director of HRCF's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project. "We want to encompass a broader definition of family."

"Before we can successfully pass legislation supporting our families, we must first educate the general public. They have to be told that many lesbians and gay men are involved in long-term relationships built of love, trust and mutual support," Stoll said.

The primary goals of the Registry will be as an educational tool to increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families and to recapture the term "family" from the right wing. Beyond its utility as an educational tool, the National Family Registry, kept by the Campaign Fund in Washington, will provide an alternative "institution" to conventional marriages, providing recognition and support in the lesbian and gay communities for the relationships that are forged within it.

Plans for the organization of the Registry are currently underway. Lesbians and gays who would like to participate should contact Kathleen Stoll at HRCF in Washington, (202) 628-4160. HRCF hopes to launch the Registry on February 14, Valentine's Day.

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SOME PEOPLE SEE YOUR LIMITS. WE SEE YOUR POSSIBILITIES.

The following letter was received from Dave Gillooly, Director of Phoenix Place of Union Mission, the shelter for homeless persons with medical needs such as HIV disease, which is just getting off the ground here in Savannah.

To the Board of Directors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the chance to present Phoenix Place to you last evening. As I stated in the presentation the time has come for all of us to rally round the cause and make a difference. I must commend you as an organization and as individuals for setting the precedent of educating the Savannah/Chatham County area to the issue of AIDS with the initial establishment of ACE and to have assisted in the nurturing process of the organization.

The proposal for "ADOPT-A-ROOM" is one that I hope First City Network will be able to be a part of as an organization and as individuals. Being new to the community of Savannah, I have not been able to fully establish ties within the

structure of the gay community but look forward to doing so in the near future. If I can be of further assistance to you in discerning your level of involvement with Phoenix Place please do not hesitate to call upon either myself or other staff members of Union Mission. Once again, thank you and looking forward to making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than you and I.

Sincerely,

David W. Gillooly
Director
Phoenix Place of Union Mission Inc.

Subsequent to this letter, Bobby and Michael graciously hosted a cocktail fundraiser for Phoenix Place on behalf of FCN. The swell party resulted in FCN "adopting" a room at Phoenix Place by contributing more than \$500 to make it possible. Many thanks to Bobby, Michael and all of you who attended and contributed.

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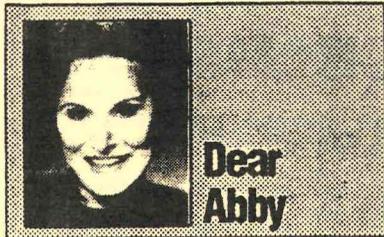
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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Mom's Upset To Discover Gay Daughter

DEAR ABBY: Last November, I lost my only daughter when a friend called from college to tell me that my daughter is a lesbian! I called my daughter to ask if it was true, and without a word of remorse, she said, "Yes, Mom."

Abby, here it is months later, and I still can't accept it. When she left for college, she was very much in love with her childhood sweetheart - at least I thought she was. They always said they'd get married after graduation. This college she went to changed all that.

Marital Checklist

by Cat Comiskey

Legal homosexual marriages are acknowledged only in some Scandinavian countries. While the Danes have the luxury of having their commitments taken seriously, those of homosexual America are forced to make up their own rules. Homosexuals can't very well conform to the heterosexual pattern of dating, wedding, and bedding. Consequently, gay and lesbian couples often pledge their permanent union in a variety of non-traditional ways. Usually, a verbal exchange of vows performed "in the eyes of God" is the most common method of "homosexual wedding". Couples who share this union often manifest archetypical behaviors. The following behaviors may very well indicate the presence of a permanent union.

- Having joint ownership of pets.
- Informing each other when nasal debris is present.

- Having identical laugh lines.
- Using the commode with the bathroom door open.
- Knowing each other's instant banking number.
- Using the pronoun "we" more frequently than "I".
- Knowing exactly how to fix each other's coffee.
- Having the same bad habits.
- Having simultaneous menstrual cycles (women).
- Using the same brand of condoms and/or anal lube (men).
- Calling each other ridiculous names like "love muffin" or "thundercock".
- Having carnal knowledge of each other's original hair color. ▼

The Jews

Abby, please advise parents to check out the college their children want to go to. I learned too late that this college is nicknamed "Lesbian U" because so many girls become bonded to each other there. I understand that the college is aware of this but looks the other way.

Here's where you come in, Abby. The gays have rights - there are organizations everywhere for gays. What about parents? Don't we have rights? Or must we live our lives with broken hearts, longing for the grandchildren we will never have?

Since most of us must remain anonymous, your column could help us. Everyone reads Dear Abby. Maybe you could start a support group and unite us. Perhaps sharing our heartaches will help all of us... - MOM FOREVER SAD

DEAR SAD: Young women do not "become" lesbians as a result of "bonding" at college or elsewhere. The seeds of sexuality are planted much earlier - and there are multiple roots. You need to know much more than I can tell you in a letter, Mom.

There IS a support group for parents in situations similar to your own, with chapters throughout the country. It's called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PARENTS FLAG for short). Write

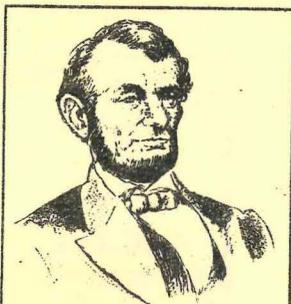
to it, and you will be sent literature that will be both helpful and comforting. You will also be told when and where the chapter nearest you meets.

The address is: Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Family Chapter and Support Office, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, CO 80220.

Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (45 cents) envelope, and, because it is a non-profit organization, please enclose a dollar to cover the cost of the literature. If you do not have the dollar, write anyway, and the literature will be sent to you. This caring group of parents exists for the purpose of helping friends and parents of lesbians and gays who have heavy hearts and numerous unanswered questions.

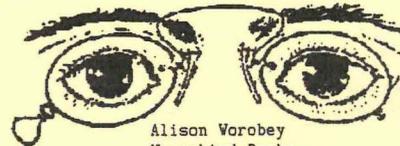
Please remember that God made gays just as surely as he made "straights." They, too, are God's children and deserve to be understood and loved.

American Viewpoints



These capitalists generally act harmoniously, and in concert, to fleece the people.

Abraham Lincoln



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Book Review

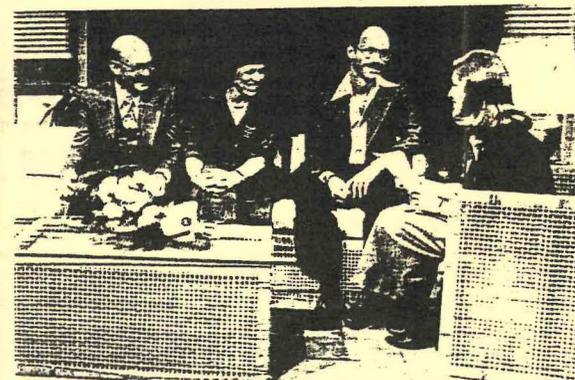
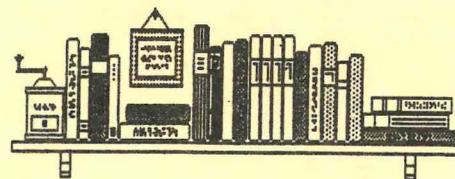
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If your tastes run more toward mystery and intrigue than hearts and flowers, this a book you are going to enjoy. Set in an international milieu of feminist activism and the glamorous world of ballet, SHADOWDANCE takes us into the world of Johanna Wilder, aka Jana Vildurkursky as she unravels the connections between murder, terrorism, and the power and pain of interpersonal relationships.

Johanna Wilder and her partner Ruth Wilson are private investigators based in Portland, Maine, a long, long way from Johanna's roots as the daughter of Russian emigres well launched in a career as a prima ballerina. A plea from a friend plunges Johanna back into her painful past, where her familiarity with the varying threads of this tale lead her to the solution of this cleverly plotted mystery.

Along the way, we meet stars of the international ballet world, an internationally involved feminist and her entourage on both sides of the ocean, and Johanna/Jana's lifetime of family, friends and colleagues.

The author has a sure touch with the various subplots in this novel and the reader is confident throughout that these seemingly unconnected story lines will be reconciled. While you might hope for a little more depth of character development, and particularly of the romantic entanglements (which are minimal and understated), you will find no lack of excitement, puzzlement, and good writing in this book, and the conclusion is solidly satisfying. You'll have to be alert to the Russian names, to people who pop up unexpectedly, and a loose end or two, but that's a small price to pay. You'll applaud the strength and courage with which Jana meets the challenges of her task and the strain of her involvement with her new/old world. She's a worthy heroine and one you'll enjoy reading about.



"GOOD MORNING, AMERICA" viewers heard the stories of Larry, Adele and Philip Starr back in 1979: when Adele and Larry were among the few parents active on behalf of their gay and lesbian children.

P-FLAG's first Star(r)

Society laid a trip

Like most members of P-FLAG, future-activists Adele and Larry Starr were stunned and confused when their son Philip first told them he was gay.

"Psychiatry told us he was sick. The church told us he was a sinner. The law said he might be a criminal. And when I went to the library to get some information, the first thing I read said I caused it."

"That's the kind of trip society laid on the gay and his parents," she says.

Later, after she had displaced the stereotypes with hard-wrought facts, she became involved with other parents, in P-FLAG, on a message-spreading mission that she at first believed could be finished within ten years.

That's more than 15 years ago, and now she can only say, "It doesn't look like we're going out of business so fast."

"I guess we're not a very fashionable organization to belong to. But if we had members from all the families we've helped, we would outnumber Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority at its peak."

LESBIAN AND GAY ATHEISTS HEAD SOUTH

This April, the Southern United States will come alive with atheists as they make their way to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the 1990 Convention of American Atheists. Dates for the convention will be April 13, 14 and 15, but attendees will probably want to enjoy the Sunbelt by arriving earlier or staying longer. For more information call (512)458-1244.

Educating a King

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, Fulton County Commissioner Martin Luther King III, found himself in the midst of a swirling controversy over remarks he made about lesbians and gays on Tues., Feb. 27, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Speaking at a middle school before 750 students to celebrate Black History Month, King said, "Our population is really all kind of mixed up right now. I mean, we've got a straight community and a community we call the gay community... We laugh, but that's real. Now, something may be wrong in the makeup of that individual if they happen to be that way. Any man that has a desire to be with another man has a problem, in my opinion. And that applies to any woman who has a desire to be with another woman."

The response, especially after the Associated Press news service picked up the story, was immediate and constant. Telephone calls poured into the Atlanta Gay Center from citizens and media representatives. According to AGC Administrator Joseph Lillich, "only three callers made negative remarks about gay people, and that is surely a good sign." King's office offered a prepared statement on Wednesday which said, "As an African-American, I certainly understand the obstacles created by discriminatory beliefs and practices which minorities must confront and overcome on a daily basis. I do not advocate, or tolerate, discrimination against any individual or group of people." Speaking for the AGC Board Chairperson Bill Gipp responded, "People are always surprised to hear a public official say that, and it's unfortunate that it gets said in places like schools because that's where young kids form opinions. They look

up to people like that (King), and they don't expect them to be quite as duplicitous as to say, 'Well we can't do anything about them (gays), but I guess we'll have to tolerate them.' That should have some resonance for Mr. King, I would think. We thought his first comment was unfortunate, but the second one doesn't really clear up anything." After consulting with friends and advisors (who were reportedly nearly unanimous in urging him to apologize) King called a press conference for March 1, at which he read a third statement. King met with Gipp and others briefly after his news conference, and Gipp made the following statement in a live television interview minutes later: "He said he was sorry. He thought he had been insensitive. He apologized. He offered to work more with us, talk more with us. I think he made a very forthright statement. You know, candor is a rare quality in politicians." All is not well, however, at the Fulton County Commission. Commissioner Lee Roach, Vice-Chairman, was quoted as saying, "All he (King) said was that gays have a problem. Gays don't

want to hear that. I think everybody who is not gay would say, 'Hey, Marty, I think you're right.'" In response, Bill Gipp said, "Commissioner Roach is indulging in the shabbiest kind of pandering imaginable. Obviously he doesn't know any more about what straight people think than he knows about what gay people think. In fact, his established record of prejudice and intolerance indicates that he doesn't think clearly about much of anything at all."

Statement of Commissioner Martin Luther King, III March 1, 1990

I have called this press conference in order to address the issues surrounding certain statements attributed to me on Tuesday in Poughkeepsie, New York.

It is clear that those statements have caused a great deal of concern and pain, particularly within the gay and lesbian community.

I deeply regret that this has occurred.

The statements made were uninformed and insensitive, and for this I extend my sincere apology to the entire community and in particular to the gay and lesbian community which has been most hurt.

The essential mission which led me into public service and the abiding legacy of my father's life is the struggle to free this country of bigotry and discrimination. This struggle must include a greater commitment to eradicate homophobic violence and discrimination.

This episode has shown me that I need to examine more closely the many issues and problems confronting the gay and lesbian community. For that reason, I will immediately establish an ongoing dialogue with leaders of the gay and lesbian community.

It is my hope and commitment to turn this unfortunate incident into a positive educational experience which will help our entire community to become more loving, united and tolerant.

HIV-positive Inmate, 19, Charged With Assault on Guard

The Associated Press

MILLEDGEVILLE - An inmate who tested positive for the AIDS virus at the Women's Correctional Institution in Milledgeville has been indicted on aggravated assault charges for spitting in the eyes of a correctional officer.

Gail Young, a 19-year-old inmate

from Chatham County who is aware she has tested positive for the HIV virus, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon for spitting on Christopher Thomas during an early morning incident on Feb. 4. She was indicted by a Baldwin County grand jury Tuesday.

One count charges her with assault "with a deadly weapon" for at-

tempting to transmit saliva containing the HIV virus, and another charges her "with intent to murder."

According to AIDS information lines sponsored by the National Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the disease cannot be transmitted by human saliva.

"There has been no documented case of the virus being transmitted through saliva," said a CDC spokesman. AIDS is transmitted only through blood and seminal fluids, he said.

Young is serving time for motor-vehicle theft and is due to get out of prison in June, said Fred Steepie, a spokesman for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Black Gay/Bi Men Needed for Study

AIDS in the United States is disproportionately affecting the Black community, particularly among Black gay men. Nearly 36 percent of newly reported AIDS cases in the United States occur in the Black population indicating that education and prevention programs are not reaching Black gay and bisexual men.

BLACK C.A.R.E. (Community AIDS Research and Education) Project is committed to the fight against AIDS in the Black community. It is especially concerned with gathering information directly from the community through a national, anonymous survey of Black gay and bisexual men (or any Black man who has had sex with men).

It is important that the diversity of the community be represented in the information collected.

To participate request either a survey or sign-up forms by writing to Dr. Vickie M. Mays, BLACK C.A.R.E. Project, 1283 Franz, L.A., CA 90024-1563 or call (213) 206-5162.

AIDS Conference to Award 325 Scholarships to PWAs

The Sixth International Conference on AIDS, which will be held in San Francisco June 20-24, 1990 is awarding 325 scholarships to people with AIDS who otherwise could not afford to attend the annual meeting of AIDS researchers.

The scholarships will take the form of free registration. This is the first time such scholarships have been awarded. The decision was made, according to organizers, in order to "assure that delegates hear expressions of the needs and concerns of those most directly impacted by the epidemic."

HIV-infected persons interested in applying for the scholarships should write to Dana Van Gorder, Sixth International Conference on AIDS, University of California at San Francisco, Box 1505, San Francisco, 94143-1505, or call (415) 550-0880.

The following editorial appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

King's right: He was wrong

Fulton County Commissioner Martin L. King III inadvertently made a keen observation last week.

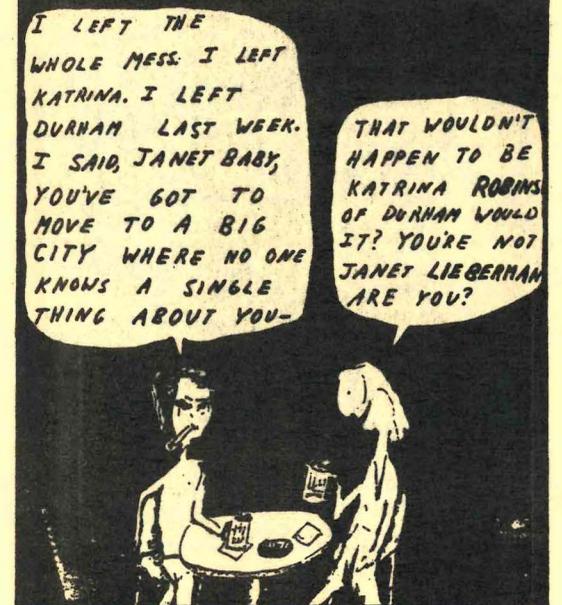
On Tuesday, he told middle school students in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., that gay people have a "problem." He was quite right, but for the wrong reason. The problem that gays have is coping with the bigotry of intolerant people.

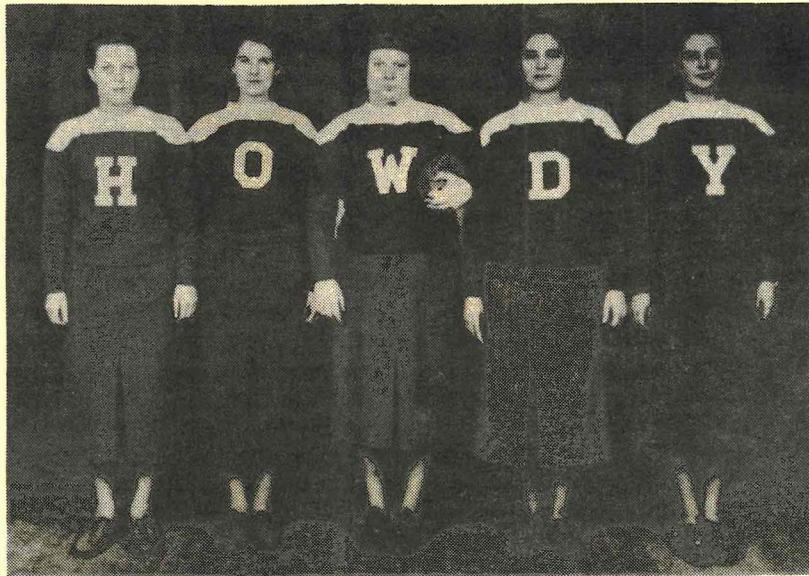
After some reflection upon his homophobic remark that "something may be wrong in the makeup" of gays, the son of the civil rights martyr later apologized for his "uninformed and insensitive" comments.

At a time when police are recording more and more violent attacks on people who look "queer" to others, Mr. King should be ashamed of himself for encouraging young people to think of a particular group as a deserving target of hatred. Let's hope his apology was sincere.

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE





This photo of the waitresses at Howdy's (a NYC gay bar, circa 1940) is one of many that the Archives is contributing to the upcoming exhibit: "The Emergence of a Community: Lesbian and Gay History 1947-1987" which will be held in the Tweed Building Gallery on City Hall Park. This exhibit, organized by Lee Hudson, of the Mayor's Office, will have many large panels covered with images reflecting the growth and organizations of the Lesbian and Gay Community in NYC.



A Note of Thanks

The Managing Editor of the Network News would like to thank Wilson Huff, Editor-in-Chief of the Network News, for the generous donation of 2,000 envelopes with FCN's return address printed on the envelope. It will save us many dull minutes at the monthly stuffings on the 28th of hand-stamping over 200 envelopes.

If there is anyone out there who would like to donate items such as this to the Network News, they would be greatly appreciated. For further information, just contact Emma at 236-CITY.

Once again, many thanks to our pal Wilson. What a girl!

EMMA

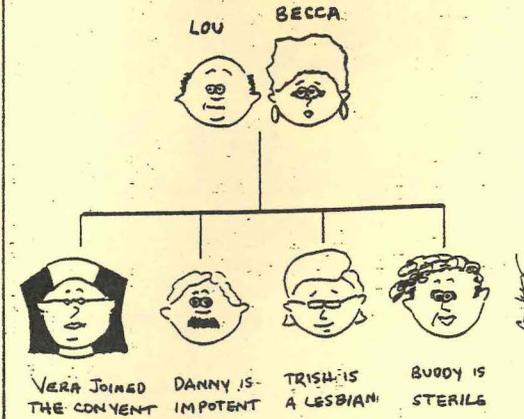
(Ed.'s note: Naturally, Emma didn't mention above that she has donated all the envelopes for the newsletter for the last several years and is due one hellofa THANK YOU !)

March 18th's St. Patty's Day Oyster Roast was a complete success. More than 300 survivors of the parade graced Tybee Island with their presence. The day was sunny and beautiful. We consumed 300 hotdogs (the last 100 without buns, I think), 5 kegs of beer, 13 bu. of oysters, and mounds of potatoe salad and beans and cookies. Volleyball enthusiasts kept going for 5 hours straight (which was about the only thing straight that day). I personally would like to thank all those who made the day so great. Everyone was so willing to help in any way possible, which really made my job much easier this year. "Next year, Look out!" It looks like we've made a good down payment on our much-needed computer, and that's what the whole party and hard work was all about. Thanks--- John, Robert, Wilson, Ric, Ab, Kitty, Phyllis, Mary, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Bonnie, Missy, Angie, Cindy, Punk, Sheila, Toni, Bobby, Buddy, and the "special" people who know who you are but I may have overlooked in this brief acknowledgement. My Irish eyes are smiling for all of you! God Bless---

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NGLTF NATIONAL LOBBY DAYS

JUNE, 1990
 INFORMATION SHEET

EVENT: Fifth National Lobby Days for Lesbian and Gay Rights
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PURPOSE: Lobby for federal lesbian and gay rights agenda. Continue growth of local activism in federal legislative process.

NGLTF CONTACT: Peri Jude Radecic, Legislative Director
 NGLTF
 1517 U Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20009
 (202) 332-6483

LOGISTICS: NGLTF is recruiting organizations and individuals who will be responsible for writing letters, organizing a letter writing campaign, and/or arranging lobbying visits at district offices.

LOBBYING MATERIALS: NGLTF will provide updated information on the cosponsor and voting records of Members of Congress. NGLTF will also supply fact sheets on agenda issues, updated legislative summaries, sample letters, information on "How To" arrange an office visit, write a letter and place a phone call to a legislative office, as well as a feedback form for NGLTF follow-up.

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National call for AIDS funding increase

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic in 1981, AIDS has never received sufficient funding from the federal government, especially in comparison to the billions of dollars thrown away on fanciful military proposals like Reagan's pet project, Star Wars. This year, the most important thing you can do to help cure AIDS is to lobby your legislator in Washington for increased funding for AIDS in the federal budget.

The current Bush Administration proposal for AIDS funding for the 1991 budget is \$1.72 billion, up from \$1.6 billion for 1990. This eight percent increase in funding will cripple local AIDS agencies around the country as they struggle to meet the burden placed on the health care system by a 50% increase in AIDS cases during the same period. AIDS lobbyists in Washington are demanding a budget increase to between two and three billion dollars in 1991, but Congress is unlikely to increase the President's proposal when they vote on the budget in April unless we apply significant pressure. Only a well organized national phone campaign will achieve that. You can help.

You can help wake Washington up to the need and demand for increased AIDS funding by getting every member of your sports team, church, AIDS support group or other club or organization to spend five minutes on the phone calling their legislators.

Calls to your Congressperson and Senator are inexpensive and are easy to make. If everyone who attended the historic March on Washington in 1987 calls, over half a million voices will be heard. If every HIV positive person calls, a million and a half calls will go in. It has been proven time and again, the squeaky wheel gets the grease in Washington. Nothing helps more than constituents from around the country flooding the Capitol switchboards demanding an increase in AIDS funding before the budget is voted on in April.

In order to motivate yourself and others to call, dedicate your determination to call to the memory of a friend who has passed away from AIDS or to friends who are living with HIV.

The numbers to call are:
(202) 225-3121—for your Congressperson.
(202) 224-3121—for your Senator.
(202) 456-7639—for the White House.

Before you call, plan what you want to say. When you call, ask to speak with the

legislative staffer who handles health and AIDS issues. Be sure to let them know you live in the legislator's district. Then let them know the precise reason for your call and what you want your legislator to do about it. It is important to be brief and concise in your conversation. Be prepared to state your position and be ready to back it up with several supporting reasons. Try to limit your phone call to a maximum of five minutes. Respect the staff person's time and be polite even if your legislator is not sympathetic. If you also want to discuss your support for the Hate Crimes Statistic Act currently before the Senate, or drug issues like the release of the drug ddI, make a separate phone call for each issue. Not only will that tally as an additional call on AIDS issues, but chances are a different staff person may handle that issue.

Now, call you friends. Organize a group to call Washington. It's a lot cheaper than traveling there. Until the next historic March on Washington, the least you can do to help cure AIDS is make your voice heard via telephone. You can make a difference.

Howard Armistead, Executive Director
Gay & Lesbian Association
Political Action Committee

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1990 Georgia General Assembly session ends

According to ancient folklore, the lives and property of Georgia citizens are now relatively safe for another year: the 1990 General Assembly is history.

The overall verdict on this year's session seems to be that our legislators did considerably less harm than they might have, and considerably less good than they ought to have done.

The biggest news of the session might have been a change in the notorious sodomy law, but as expected, the General Assembly determined that most citizens will remain unapprehended felons for another year. Likewise, a state hate crimes bill failed to pass.

The greatest fear of gay rights and AIDS activists was that dangerous new legislation penalizing PWAs would emerge from this session, but what emerged left most existing confidentiality rights intact.

"We have been waiting for two years for an attempt to repeal or alter informed consent to HIV testing," said Georgia AIDS Coalition lobbyist Gil Robison, "and although of course we were disappointed [at the bill that] passed, we were happy that we finally had the opportunity to deal with it."

Robison is optimistic about future prospects for AIDS legislation.

"The trend seems to be less AIDS policy-related legislation as initial misgivings and hysteria and paranoia have abated over the years. I think funding issues will be more central in the years to come.

"As legislators and the general population become more informed about AIDS and how HIV is transmitted, I think we'll see less ill thought-out, misguided legislation."

What exactly did the General Assembly do?

Good Things They Passed

Medical Power of Attorney. Allows one person to designate another to make health care decisions in the event of his or her incapacity. Gay persons would be able to designate lovers or friends for this role in case of AIDS or other incapacitating illnesses—as well as "Sharon Kowalski" type cases when a lover suffers long-term disability—when biological families might intervene against the wishes of an individual.

Small Group Insurance Pools. Insurance companies would now pool all their small groups for the purpose of rating them, rather than setting rates based on the claims of each small group separately. The effect would be to spread risks while protecting individuals who might be fired by employers anxious to keep their rates down.

Funding for AIDS programs. \$898,387 to replace

Robert Wood Johnson grant money for AID Atlanta, the Visiting Nurses Association, and Grady Hospital; \$3,728,453 for Department of Human Resources AIDS programs, not counting Medicare or Medicaid funds. (With federal money, the total will now be \$6,596,228.)

Also passed: *Fair housing for the handicapped.*

Bad Things They Passed

AIDS confidentiality. The only bill passed this year that has a direct effect on individuals passed in a less dangerous form than its original version. Health care workers actually exposed to a possible risk of HIV infection would first ask the patient to be tested, and if the patient refused but another physician, dentist, osteopath or podiatrist concurred, the patient could be tested without consent. (The original bill could have authorized involuntary testing on the authority of virtually any health care worker virtually anytime any treatment at all was performed.)

Good Things They Didn't Do

Sodomy Law. The bill that would have made oral or anal sex between consenting adults legal didn't pass—as if you didn't know. The General Assembly also couldn't see its way clear toward passing a *state hate crimes bill.*

Also neglected were legislation establishing an *Insurance Consumer Advocate*, a bill to increase funding for home health care for *children with AIDS*, and a *High Risk Insurance Fund* that would provide for coverage of chronically ill persons (PWAs, dialysis and cancer patients, etc.) who can't currently get insurance.

Bad Things They Didn't Do

Hospice Regulation. An original bill that would simply have provided for DHR regulation of three different categories of hospices (and originally favored by GAC) was amended to discourage specific hospices (such as the embattled facility at Resaca.)

Insurance Contracts. This bill would have done away with insurance regulations that currently prohibit insurance companies from putting caps on AIDS benefits on many policies.

Referenda. The General Assembly failed to open up Georgia to the kind of grab-bag referendum system that applies in California, where the energies of gay and AIDS communities are frequently consumed defeating dangerous anti-gay, anti-PWA proposals added to ballots by right-wing petition drives.

Also mercifully not passed by the General Assembly were bills requiring the HIV testing of *food service workers* and reporting to prison guards the *HIV status of their prisoners.*▼

FROM: THE NEWS, A.B.C.

CONGRESSMAN SAYS "SPEAK OUT"

Washington, DC- Congressman Gary Studds (D-MA) one of two openly gay members of the U.S. House of Representatives, is urging lesbian and gay Americans to join HRCF's "Speak Out" program to counter anti-gay efforts on Capitol Hill. "Most members of Congress have no idea that many of their constituents care about fair treatment of gay people. That is why the HRCF 'Speak Out' program is vital," he said. After one year in existence, the grassroots mobilization effort has proven to be one of the most successful in the history of the gay rights movement. The program has been responsible for almost 100,000 messages to members of Congress on AIDS, gay rights and related issues. It "is a strategy enabling fair-minded citizens, gay and non-gay alike, to have their voices heard loudly, clearly, repeatedly on Capitol Hill," notes Studds. "By pre-authorizing brief messages to Congress..., participants are heard and make a difference even when important Congressional votes come up with little notice or time." If you would like to join the "Speak Out" program, contact the Human Rights Campaign Fund by writing to HRCF Field Division, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, DC 20012, or call (202) 628-4160.

TWA BACKS DOWN

San Francisco, CA- On the eve of filing a lawsuit over gay couples' rights against TWA in the Superior Court of California, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) and TWA reached a settlement of the suit. The case against TWA arose out of the refusal of the airline to refund the ticket price under its family emergency guidelines to a gay man who had to cancel a trip when his partner of eleven years was hospitalized with a heart attack on the day he was to travel. TWA normally grants refunds of non-refundable or special fare tickets which are not used because of a family emergency. TWA claimed that "a live-in lover is not considered immediate family", and denied the refund. In settlement, the plaintiff received a full refund and an apology.

EQUAL RIGHTS BILL PASSES

Pittsburg, PA- On March 30, Mayor Sophie Masloffs signed into law a city ordinance providing protection against discrimination for lesbians and gay men. The bill was approved by the city council on March 20, by a vote of 6-2 with one abstention. The successful passage of the bill ended a two year effort by the lesbian and gay community to secure protection. The Pittsburg bill provides protection against discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and employment.

SALK HIV TRIALS BEGIN NATIONWIDE

Washington, DC-The Federal Food and Drug Administration has given its approval of nationwide human trials of a HIV vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, world-renowned developer of the polio vaccine. The nationwide trials supplement the trials already underway in California. The Salk HIV vaccine is made from the inactivated core proteins of HIV. The core proteins of the virus are relatively stable when compared to the outer shell proteins, which mutate rapidly. This is important because vaccines are effective only when the antibodies generated by the immune system can attach themselves to the virus, thereby destroying it. Because the outer shell of HIV changes at a rapid rate, the antibodies generated by the immune system in response to the outer shell of HIV cannot attach themselves to the virus. The Salk HIV vaccine has been used effectively in chimpanzees. The findings in these animal studies raise hope that the vaccine will prevent infection in the first place, and also help the immune system of people already infected with the virus fight it off. However, the vaccine is not without risks. If the process used to inactivate the virus is not 100% effective, a person taking the vaccine may become infected with the virus. The search for volunteers to test the Salk HIV vaccine has caused a stir in AIDS activist circles.

WIRE SERVICE WIPE-OUT

Washington, DC-The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) announces that it will no longer use Western Union to deliver "Speak Out" constituent messages to Capitol Hill, a decision that will cost the communications firm \$350,000 this year it is estimated. HRCF will also encourage other organizations and individuals to reexamine their business relations with Western Union, based on the company's continued efforts to overturn a 12 year old San Francisco ordinance to protect gays from discrimination. Western Union is challenging the ordinance's constitutionality as part of a legal battle which began last year when a Western Union employee in San Francisco sought damages against the company for harassment and intimidation he experienced at work. Rather than address the specific allegations, Western Union has sought to have the gay rights ordinance itself overturned. "What Western Union is doing presents a greater threat to the rights of lesbians and gay Americans than any other corporate action in recent memory," according to Tim McFeeley, executive director of HRCF. "We have no intention of remaining silent while efforts are made to undermine protections that lesbians and gay Americans have fought so long to achieve."

AZT OK now official for HIV+

On March 2, the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave its approval for the use of zidovudine also known as AZT for use in individuals with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) with CD4 cell counts of less than 500 per cubic millimeter. The extension of the licensing of AZT for use in HIV infected individuals with CD4 cell counts in the 201-500 per cubic millimeter range is not without its critics. The decision to broaden the range of persons eligible for AZT was based on research done at the National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). Two NIAID studies found that AZT in doses of 500 to 1200 milligrams per day delayed the onset of AIDS related opportunistic diseases but not AIDS related cancers in individuals with CD4 cell counts between 200 and 500 per cubic millimeter. The volunteers taking the AZT had few side effects. However, the study was terminated in less than a year as soon as statistically significant differences were demonstrated between the two groups.

Criticism of the FDA's decision based on the two NIAID studies are built on two points. First, while the difference in the rate of the development of AIDS between volunteers taking AZT and those not receiving AZT were significant from a statistical perspective, the differences were too small from a clinical perspective. It would take 100 people taking AZT for one year to prevent four of them from developing AIDS related infections, many of which are easily treated. AZT is well known for causing dangerous side effects when taken at higher doses. Because the studies lasted less than a year, the real risk of serious side effects is unknown. Therefore, it was too soon to recommend widespread use of AZT in clinically stable individuals. The second criticism is even more serious. Other studies are being conducted at sites in the U.S.A. and Europe. Those studies are not finding the beneficial effects of early use of AZT in HIV infection reported by NIAID. Therefore, the differences found in the NIAID studies may be a fluke. However, because the other studies are not following precisely the same procedures as the NIAID studies, full evaluation of the effects of the differences in the procedures cannot be made until those studies are completed.▼

AIDS Quilt film wins Oscar

Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt, the critically acclaimed film about the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, has won the Academy Award for Best Feature Documentary.

Common Threads is a portrait of the first decade of the AIDS epidemic in America. Through the Quilt, the film introduces five individuals who have died of AIDS—from an 11-year old suburban boy to a gay Olympic athlete to an inner-city IV drug user. The film is narrated by Dustin Hoffman, and Bobby McFerrin composed and performs the original score.

The film is currently available for a \$25 donation to the NAMES Project by calling 1-800-USA-NAMES. The film will soon be widely available on videotape.▼

FROM: THE NEWS, A.G.C.

GMHC

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Gay Men's Health Crisis, the first and largest community based organization created by the gay community in response to the AIDS epidemic, seeks a Deputy Executive Director for Program Management.

Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director, this function administratively oversees the activities of the program team (Client Services, Legal Services, Education, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Volunteer Office) by defining and measuring objectives and outcomes on a regular basis.

The work of the Deputy Executive Director for Program Management carries responsibility for analysis and judgement in the planning and solution of diverse yet interrelated programs and projects including the grant application and monitoring process. In addition, this position exerts a very broad and lasting impact on the current and future operations of the Agency.

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FILM TELLS STORY/GAY ATHLETE

Hollywood, CA- Investors are being sought to bring *The Front Runner* to the big screen. For a nominal fee of \$5,000, investors are being sought to produce the 1972 novel about a love affair between an aging track coach and his Olympic runner. One columnist reports Olympic medalist Greg Louganis is to play a "key role" in the film. Louganis made headlines last year in a court battle with his live-in manager, Jim Babbitt. Since that time Louganis has tried to distance himself from rumors regarding his sexuality. Paul Newman at one time owned film rights, and planned to play the track coach, but eventually lost interest in the project, which was seen as a sure loser at the box office. Producer Jim Wheeler, unable to attract any Hollywood stars to the film, even took out an ad in industry papers listing 30 actors who had played gay characters without destroying their careers. (I'm awed!!!! the Editor)

CARTOON SHOW OPENS

New York, NY- The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center National Museum of Lesbian and Gay History is pleased to announce an upcoming exhibition of cartoon art called *The Cartoon Show*. The exhibition will run through May 25, 1990, at the Center on 13th Street. The *Cartoon Show* is the most comprehensive exhibition in the US to date of cartoons drawn from lesbian and gay life. The exhibit will showcase the works of 40 artists. One purpose of the show is to examine the gay community from the unique perspective of our cartoonists. By holding this particular mirror up to our culture, we may see reflected some new perceptions of ourselves.

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QUILT PANEL TRAVELS BY SLED

Nome, AK- Diana Dronenburg, a participant in the Iditarod Trail Race, carried with her a six by three foot quilt panel to draw attention to Alaskans with HIV infection. The Iditarod is a 1,158 mile dog sled race won annually between Anchorage and Nome. The panel, created especially for the race, will become a part of the Names Quilt Project. Panels from the gigantic quilt were displayed in Anchorage last summer. The panel Dronenburg carried was signed by the many volunteers who supported her efforts. The AIDS Quilt to Nome effort was sponsored by NAMES Project Anchorage, new home of one of our own former officers, Peppermint Patty. Dronenburg will present the panel to her brother Dana, a person with AIDS. She carried the panel in the race as a symbol of her love for her brother and to encourage greater AIDS awareness for Alaskans.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CASE GOES TO COURT

Madison, WI- National Gay Rights Advocates has filed suit against the State of Wisconsin Personnel Commission for denying a female employee of the Department of Health and Social Services the right to obtain health insurance for her spouse equivalent and domestic partner who is also female. The State of Wisconsin is one of the few states with a statute banning employment discrimination based on marital status and sexual orientation. The plaintiff's attempt to enroll her spouse under a family coverage plan was denied, and coverage could only be obtained by individual coverage plans which were more expensive, it was ruled. The importance of this case lies in the fact that family partnerships in the gay community must be legally protected and recognized for us to obtain true equality, and although Wisconsin was correct in putting such a law on the books, we see it still takes legal action to force it's enforcement.

HRCF SEEKS INTERNS

Washington, DC- The Human Rights Campaign Fund is looking for interns for it's office in Washington. Interns work in all program areas including field, development, political, legislative, lesbian issues, administration and public relations. "This is a great opportunity for someone interested in lesbian and gay issues or just in learning how government and politics work." Interns must work at least 20 hours per week for three months, and each is under the direction of a staff member and receive a stipend.

GLPM 1990



Columbia, South Carolina» April 9, 1990...The first lesbian and gay pride march in the history of South Carolina will happen in Columbia, South Carolina on June 23, 1990. Scores of lesbians and gay men are expected to march in the Gay and Lesbian Pride March 1990 (GLPM 1990). The march will begin at noon at the corners of Main and Richland Streets and proceed down Main Street to the South Carolina State Capitol.

Immediately following the march, a state-wide rally will be held at the State House. Scheduled to appear are Harriet Hancock, a South Carolina attorney and founder of the South Carolina Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Staff Sergeant Perry Watkins, an openly gay member of the U.S. Army who has fought since 1981 for the right to remain in the United States Armed Forces, Lynn Lavner internationally recognized lesbian/feminist entertainer, and other local, state, and national figures.

A focal point for the event is "Come Home to South Carolina". "This invitation will encourage lesbians, gay men, and their supporters who are former or current residents of South Carolina to march as a symbol of unity, support, and pride for lesbian and gay rights. United we will create a society where lesbians and gay men can live openly, free from violence, bigotry and discrimination," stated Jim Blanton, co-chairperson of GLPM 1990.

Organizers of the march and rally anticipate that the event will call attention to civil rights related to housing, employment, and equal opportunity for lesbians and gay men, legislation to provide legal recognition of domestic partnerships between consenting same sex adults, anonymous HIV counseling and testing in South Carolina, and other urgent issues.

For more information, contact Barbara Embick at (803) 796-3615 or Jim Blanton at (803) 254-3799 or write GLPM, P.O. Box 5643; West Columbia, South Carolina 2917

DEMANDS

- ▼ WE DEMAND that those civil rights relating to equal opportunity, employment and housing be amended to include sexual orientation.
- ▼ WE DEMAND enactment of legislation to provide legal recognition of domestic partnerships between consenting same sex adults.
- ▼ WE DEMAND that the South Carolina law enforcement agencies maintain hate crime statistics, including those related to sexual orientation, and to report those annually to the state legislature.

- ▼ WE DEMAND that the Comprehensive Health Education Act be amended to permit the inclusion of information on homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle rather than solely in the context of disease prevention.
- ▼ WE DEMAND that the right of gay men and lesbians to be foster and/or adoptive parents be protected.
- ▼ WE DEMAND anonymous HIV counseling and testing.
- ▼ WE DEMAND the expansion of HIV prevention education for the gay community.
- ▼ WE DEMAND that gay and lesbians have equal opportunity to serve in the armed forces.
- ▼ WE DEMAND the repeal of the existing buggery/sodomy law in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Sect. 16-15-120, as they relate to consenting adults.

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GAY ANSWERS TO STRAIGHT QUESTIONS

The most often asked question on talk shows dealing with gays and lesbian parents seem to be "What if the child(ren) turn out gay?" The answer most often used is "We had heterosexual parents." Not only does this not answer the question, it completely misses the point. An appropriate answer would be "Then (s)he will be particularly lucky to have me for a parent." This is obviously the case. Unfortunately, the answer misses the underlying assumption of the question. A more assertive answer would be "I'm not sure I understand the question. Are you implying that there is something wrong with me and other lesbian/gay people? Or are you asking what I would do in such a situation?" The response to this should be quite informative.

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A painfully common accusation made against lesbian and gay parents on talk shows is that they are "sinners" and therefore unfit to raise children. The parents usually

seem unprepared for this statement and frequently respond by referring to "sins" in the judeo-christian heritage which are no longer considered valid, such as eating meat on Friday, or eating shellfish and pork. This misses the point. We live in a pluralistic society where various religious beliefs. We do not see Hindus accusing people at burger stands of being sinners, nor Jews intolerant of others for not fasting on holy days, nor Catholics expecting others to wear ashes on their foreheads. One need not refute an anti-gay-bigot's definition of sin. A positive response would be to say: "If you consider being gay to be a sin, then by all means do not be gay. According to my religion / moral beliefs being gay is a wonderful, integral part of the human experience. But I am not here to discuss religion, I'm here to talk about discrimination (or A.L., adoption, etc.)."

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Practicing Homosexuals Are Ordained

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Sporadic breaks are occurring in the longtime church positions against ordaining acknowledged, active homosexuals. They're gaining their first footholds in the historic Christian ministry.

It's happening in isolated instances despite denominational policies and protests.

In the past, there have been ordinations of some who affirm only homosexual orientation, but the new cases involve not just that orientation, but latitude to practice it.

"It's a historic breakthrough, a new step," said the Rev. John Frykman, pastor of First United Lutheran Church in San Francisco, concerning three scheduled Lutheran ordinations there next week.

In another case, Episcopal Bishop John Spong of Newark, N.J., said his ordination last month of a gay man with an acknowledged male mate was "a step into honesty and integrity" for the church.

Never before, the record indicates, had anyone professedly in a homosexual relationship been ordained into the mainline Christian ministry, although some already ordained have later told of homosexual partners.

Studies indicate there are many "closet" homosexual ministers, some sexually active, in the historic churches, Protestant and Roman Catholic. Also ordination of those acknowledging only homosexual orientation is frequent.

But major denominations have drawn the line against ordaining ostensibly active homosexuals. That is the barrier challenged in the Lutheran ordinations in San Francisco next Saturday, Jan. 20.

Two congregations of the 5.3-million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are ordaining an openly committed lesbian couple and a male homosexual who declines to vow abstinence from homosexual activity.

"It means fuller acceptance of them," said the Rev. James Delange, pastor of St. Francis Lu-

theran Church in San Francisco, where the three will be a pastoral team leading a new ministry to lesbians and gays.

"We're saying that homosexuals are to be welcomed into the church in the fullest sense of the word, that their relationships are to be honored and respected," Delange added.

Delange, 55, said gays make up about half his centrally located congregation, where the lesbian couple, Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart of Minneapolis, and the gay man, Jeff Johnson of San Francisco, will serve.

Johnson's ordination, however, was authorized by the First United Lutheran congregation in the city's western part. Pastor Frkymman, 58, said it has no known gay members, but supports "more acceptance" of them.

Both congregations risk penalties, ranging from censure to expulsion from the denomination, for defying church law.

Frykman, a pastor for 30 years, said, "It wouldn't be the easiest thing to be driven out of the church. I've given my life for the church. But in this situation, the church hierarchy is acting against gospel principle."

Synod Bishop Lyle Miller foresaw calling a disciplinary committee about the matter. Denominational policy, like that of most major Protestant bodies, bars ordination of acknowledged active homosexuals.

However, some denominations have no explicit, national rule about it, notably the United Church of Christ, which leaves it up to regional units. They've ordained 10 acknowledged homosexuals since 1980.

Regarding their behavior patterns, "that information was neither asked nor given," says denominational news officer Evan Golder.

This also was the case when that church, stemming from early American pilgrims, ordained this country's first publicly identified homosexual minister, the Rev. William R. Johnson of San Carlos, Calif., in 1972.

Many church people feel "sexual orientation is not a moral issue," Golder said, but that "sex behavior is of moral significance."

When complaints were lodged in 1986 against a United Methodist acknowledged homosexual, the Rev. Julian Rush of Denver, he simply refused to answer questions about sexual activity, thus not overtly outside church rules.

The behavioral factor also was not specified in 1977 when New York's then Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore ordained the Rev. Ellen Barrett, an acknowledged lesbian, into the Episcopal priesthood.

But it was specified in the Episcopal ordination last Dec. 16 of the Rev. J. Robert Williams to direct Oasis, a Hoboken, N.J., ministry to homosexuals. His male mate read the litany as picketers protested.

That 3-million-member denomination like the Lutheran body and other major denominations, the United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church (USA), have policies against ordaining acknowledged active homosexuals.

Those denominations are pursuing extensive sexuality studies. Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmund L. Browning said he hopes the Williams ordination "will encourage positive debate, rather than polarization."

While ordaining professedly active homosexuals oversteps mainline church policies, it now is formally accepted in the Unitarian Universalist Association, which doesn't identify itself as Christian.

That 173,000-member, liberal body ordained its first acknowledged homosexual in 1979 and now has about 50 of them among 950 clergy, says the Rev. Scott Alexander of Boston, its director of gay-lesbian concerns.

"Many live with partners," he said. "It's part of human wholeness."

BOYCOTT THE BAKERY BIGOTS

Atlanta, GA- There's nastiness in the pie business these days! Edwards Baking Company of Decatur, Ga., maker of the famous Edwards Pies, is actively supporting anti-gay, anti-hate crimes bills, anti-choice, anti-abortion, anti-condom, anti-sex education, anti-human rights groups such as FAMILY CONCERNS, INC. and CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS (the lobbying wing of FAMILY CONCERNS) by donating offices, desks, meeting rooms, phones, money, free pies for publicity, etc. These right-wing, fundamentalist zealots are quick to use economic boycotts or the threat thereof against us. Now the other shoe falls, and it's time for us to boycott Edwards Bakery products and to also let them know that we are doing so and why. The Atlanta chapter of NOW is calling all like-minded activists to join in their boycott effort. Write EDWARDS BAKING COMPANY, 1 Lemon Lane, Decatur, Ga. (You may ask just what anti-condom could mean? Well, FCI is quoted as saying, "We need to teach abstinence as the true answer to immorality and AIDS." Thought that ought to be illuminated!)



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NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR GAYS WHO ARE MOVING

A new toll free number has been established to provide free and confidential information for Gay Men and Lesbians who are relocating from one city to another. Many Gay Men and Lesbians feel more comfortable working with a Realtor who understands their needs. Gay Men and Lesbians will be referred to a Realtor familiar with the local gay community in any particular metropolitan area by calling 1-800-673-9093. The line will operate from 8 AM - 11 PM EST, every day.

While promoting gay businesses, callers will also be helping to fight AIDS because 10% of the commissions generated through the use of this line will be donated to a national organization dedicated to fighting AIDS. Callers can even request that a contribution be made to a specific organization.

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For Additional Information, Contact Steven Kopstein (202) 337-5911

CLASSY EVENT CONTINUES

Savannah, Ga- That small, elite and elusive group that calls themselves The Prom Committee announces it's once again time to dust off the ball gowns and ruby pumps. PROM '90 awaits you! Scheduled for June 9, 1990, at 9:00pm, one can expect a grander spectacle than last year's flaming success. The Savannah Exposition got such raves for the wonderful setting and private off-street parking that The Committee will again host the shire there. As attendance and festiveness have increased over each of the past four years, the elegance and entertainment promise a fun formal evening for low-country gays and their travelin' friends from all over. Early ticket purchase is suggested strongly. A picnic on Tybee Island the following day is The Committee's idea of a hangover cure, and kegs, food, and volleyball abound. It's a fun weekend. Travel to Savannah to enjoy it if you don't live there. For more information, call (912)236-2489 or (912)232-3773. (Editor's note for Locals: A.C. Tompkins Formal Wear offers an exceptional discount package to Prom-goers ----us, not every Tom, Dick and Tina in a local highschool---and has for the last year or two. Patronize him, please.)

ATLANTA "GAY CARNIVAL" PLANNED

Atlanta, GA- Galebration '90", Atlanta's first annual gay carnival, will take place at the Atlanta Waterworks Park at Howell Mill Road and Bishop on Sat&Sun, May 12-13, beginning with a 5K race on Saturday morning. The carnival will offer rides, concessions, retail items, entertainment, theme dances, contests, games, a pet show, free information booths for organizations, and more! Proceeds will be shared by all organizations participating, with part going to send Team Atlanta's 205 athletes to the Gay Games in Vancouver in August 1990.

To Our Members:

Recently, we, the Board, received some comments on the manner in which we entertain at FCN functions. These members, being new citizens to Savannah, felt left out at our parties because there was no effort by FCN and in particular the Board to welcome new people. Well, you can imagine this created quite a lively conversation at the board meeting. Many of us felt shocked to think that we too could be part of Savannah's infamous cliquishness. Others felt sad to think that we are being insensitive to the needs of new members. But we all came to the conclusion that there is room for improvement and we want our functions to be fun for old and new members. So we have decided to make a few subtle but socially correct changes a'la Miss Manners.

In the future, at any FCN sponsored event, all board members present will be wearing tags identifying us. If you are a new member, come up to us; we want to meet you and maybe give you a few pointers about the area. And you older members may also want to come up and ask us a few questions. What we are trying to do is make ourselves available to you the membership and be the perfect hosts & hostesses at all our upcoming social events.

We hope this helps because these parties are given for all our members and want everyone to have a good time.

Sincerely,

The Board of FCN

Athletes flock to Gay Games

Vancouver, BC — Organizers of Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival announced recently that over 4,600 athletes from around the world have registered to compete at the August, 1990 event in Vancouver.

With over three months before the Games' final registration deadline of May 31, organizers now estimate participation levels of between 6,000 and 7,000 athletes. Several thousand more individuals are expected to participate in the Cultural Festival.

Celebration '90 Executive Director Mark Mees pointed out that this number will make Celebration '90 the world's largest multi-sports event anywhere in 1990, and will only be surpassed by the 1994 Olympics. "The Goodwill Games in Seattle, also being held this summer, will have approximately 2,500 athletes, and the recent Commonwealth Games in New Zealand had slightly over 3,000," said Mees.

Athletes are registered for Celebration '90's 29 sports, and are travelling to the Games from 20 countries already including those that have never been represented before: Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and East Germany and Poland.

Mees said the organizers are "amazed and delighted" by the high numbers this early. They had expected 2,000 registra-

tions at this point in time. With this surge in registrations, organizers have moved into "high gear."

"There are barely enough hours in the day to open and process the mail, even with staff and volunteers working around the clock," said Celebration '90 Office Manager Mary Brookes. "However, by the time final registration deadline rolls around May 31, we'll be ready for anything."

"We have been told that many direct flights to Vancouver are booked solid from some major cities, and that dozens of hotels are fully booked," Mees pointed out. "Now is the time for the international lesbian/gay and straight communities to make plans to come and be a part of the largest festival our community has ever witnessed. No one should miss this event."

In previous years, Gay Games had 1,300 athletes, and Gay Games II in 1986 had 3,500 athletes.

Celebration '90 also encompasses an international Cultural Festival including theatre, music, literature, and dance presented by local, national and international artists. With spectators included, Vancouver can expect around 20,000 visitors for the festival. The largest events are the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at B.C. Place Stadium.

Gay Games Plans

The Gay Games III and Cultural Festival is looking for singers for the International Festival Chorus, which is scheduled to perform at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Gay Games, as well as at a special concert the week of the Festival. There will be a registration fee of \$45 which will cover the cost of sheet music, rehearsal tapes and performance shirts. Other expenses will be the individual's responsibility. Deadline for registration is June 1, 1990. To register, or for more info, contact: Celebration '90 Festival Chorus, Box 61388, Denver, CO 80206, or call 303-331-2306.

STUDY: HIGH RATE OF HIV IN WOMEN

by Michelle R. Reillo, B.S.N. R.N.

As a community, lesbians consider themselves at very low risk for venereal disease and AIDS. However, a study conducted at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, has revealed that venereal disease and AIDS is a reality among women who have sex with other women. Of the 58 individuals enrolled in this particular study 7 women (13%) were diagnosed with AIDS. All 7 stated they had only female sex partners. 100% of the women had symptomatic venereal disease histories, defined as syphilis, gonorrhea, genital herpes, and/or hepatitis B. All 7 admitted to regular alcohol and/or drug use (marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amyl nitrate, and/or amphetamines). Although initial interviewing did not readily identify the probable source of HIV infection, more extensive interviewing revealed histories of intravenous drug use. The extremely high percentage of AIDS among women who have sex with other women in a limited sample population is alarming. The risk behavior of intravenous drug users does not eliminate the possibility of transmission of HIV and/or venereal disease between women. Risky sexual practices that often involve the exchange of bodily fluids include unprotected oral sex, penetration by and sharing of sex toys, penetration by fingers, and unprotected oral/anal sex. Women who have vaginal discharge secondary to venereal disease, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), or candidiasis (yeast infections) release large numbers of lymphocytes which may contain HIV and/or other viruses which can be transmitted during sexual activity. Because the possibility of female-to-female transmission exists, a study to investigate the prevalence of HIV infection in the lesbian community is being considered for the near future. During this study, a special protocol was developed to educate the lesbian participants about safer sex. It was noted that this particular group had little knowledge of safe sex practices as they pertained to male or female partners. All seven participants said that they had previous sexual relations with men and knew of friends who, although admitting lesbianism, engaged in sex with bisexual or homosexual men from time to time. If this information is reflective of women who engage in sex with other women, then the potential for the spread of HIV infection in the lesbian community is high.

PUNCHLINE POOP

Comedian Roseanne Barr has apologized for a remark where she used the word "faggy". Her comment on a film in which she costared, "She-Devil", was: "Our movie is not like 'Steel Magnolias'. That was a faggy movie where all the women were men..." Barr's sister is a lesbian. Barr said, "I will continue work against racism, sexism, classism and homophobia. I will add faggy to my list of unsayable, hateful words."
from "Our Times"

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Have you seen the guys on those Salem ads or whatever? Those guys are attractive! I could be bi for one of those guys. -- Burt Reynolds when asked if he thought he was attractive.

"AIDS: Kills Fags Dead." -- T-shirt worn by heavy metal band Skid Row's lead singer, Sebastian Bach.

I know what it's like to be chastised. I got my ass kicked all the time, when I was younger, because I was this kid with all this hair, and I'm pretty small. I hated it. I wouldn't put anybody else down because they were different. I'm really new to this responsibility thing. I just didn't think about. -- Sebastian Bach responding to the backlash regarding the T-shirt.

I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republicans for which it stands, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. -- George Bush attempting the Pledge of Allegiance.

These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys. I don't care much for queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys. I've got a teenage boy... I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level. If these two boys had picked up two prostitutes and taken them to the woods and killed them, I'd consider that a similar case. -- District Court Judge Morris Jackson Hampton of Dallas, TX to a reporter for the Dallas Times Herald. Hampton sentenced an 18 year old to 30 years in prison for the homophobic murders of two gay men.

I cannot understand the emphasis on 'coming out' in the gay community. Why is it anyone's business? I didn't come running to my mother saying, 'Mom, I have to tell ya, I like boys!' -- talk-show hostess Sally Jesse Rafael posing a question to one of her guests.

Aren't lesbian couples and gay couples the same? -- equally naive talk-show hostess Oprah Winfrey posing a question to one of her guests.

Boys are born with pricks and male privilege, these attributes do not mysteriously appear at a certain age. I believe lesbians should not be bearing and raising boy children. Lesbians should not put our valuable energy into raising the oppressor. -- lesbian separatist Elizabeth Braeman.

The Beatles used to come to my house all the time. They liked my pool, it was before they had their own, you know. And Paul, Paul always was my favorite, used to try to imitate my sound, you know, WHOOOOO! Just couldn't get it right, but they kept coming by and finally Paul came up to me and went, WHOOOOO and I said, 'You got it.' Such sweet boys, if y'all wanna use my pool again, you can. It's clean! -- Little Richard telling another tall tale.

I learned a lot from it, that's for sure. I had tried for three years to suggest changes in Chrissy Snow, but every time, I was told I was being difficult. 'Three's Company' had it's good points, but overall it was insulting to women, insulting to gays, insulting to anyone's intelligence-- my intelligence! It's frightening how successful it was. It's where America's head was at. -- Suzanne Somers reflecting on 'Three's Company'.

When you're an actor, and the rent is due, and there are bills to pay, any job sounds like a good one. Then I got there, and realized that I had to wear a dress, I had some anxious moments, but it was okay. Then it was good. Then I liked it. Then I had to stop! -- Tom Hanks referring to his days as a starving actor and 'Bosom Buddies.'

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Count Hate Crimes

Do you know of any gay-bashing or anti-gay and lesbian defamation that happened last year? The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is urging local activists and organizations to provide documentation on harassment and violence for its 1989 Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization and Defamation Report.

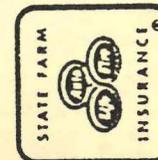
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SAVE THAT DOCTOR

CBS TV's Monday night sitcom 'Doctor, Doctor' deserves support for a recurring gay character who is strong and positive. The show revolves around Dr. Mike Stratford who's a nonconformist general practitioner with a gay brother, Richard. A recent episode involved a growing friendship between Richard and Grant, a straight partner of Mike's, which necessitated Grant examining his own unease about the friendship when he hears rumors he might be gay too. Eventually Grant apologizes to Richard, saying he's never had a gay friend before, and they hug. Another episode dispelled irrational fears about AIDS. As Mike said in an epilogue, "AIDS doesn't discriminate, only people do." Unfortunately, the ratings for the sitcom were only fair, and the show was put on "hiatus". The fact that the show was targeted by Christian (so-called) Fundamentalists certainly didn't help either! Executive Producer Norman Steinberg has asked that supportive letters be sent to CBS TV. Write Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036. Tell him 25 million gays deserve on-screen representation.

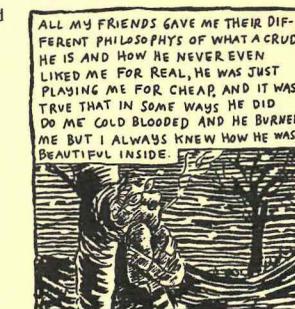
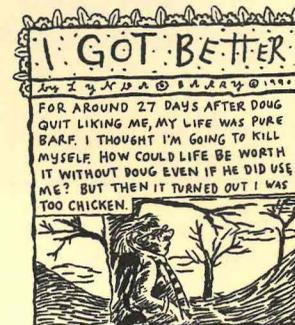
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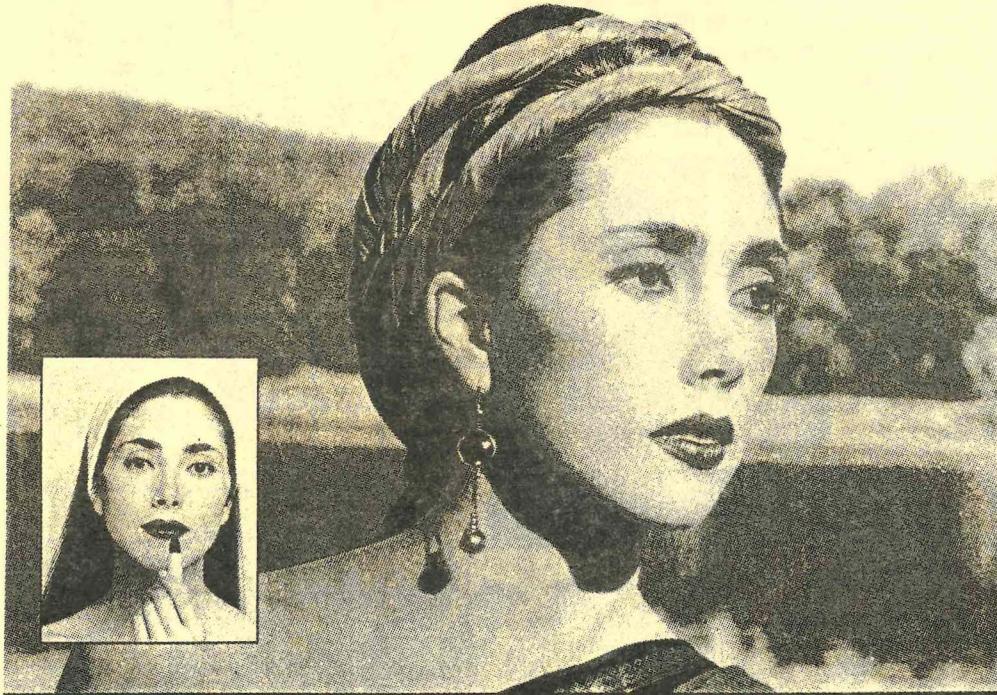


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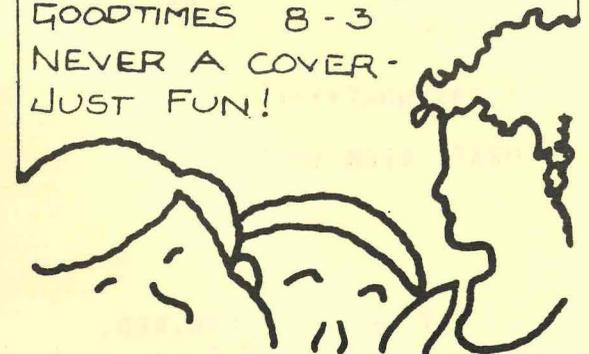
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In case you missed it, FCN was honored on Thursday, April 26 for its work on Phoenix Place of Union Mission. Not only were we praised in the speeches of Rev. Mike Elliot, Mr. Dave Gillooly and Mr. Joseph Daniel, but we were presented with a special award of appreciation for our volunteerism. After the speeches and awards, I had the honor of "cutting the ribbon" along with Mayor Rousakis, Betty Simmons, Willie Washington, Willie Brown, and Dave. This dedication ceremony was certainly FCN's finest hour.

For me, personally, this dedication represented FCN's coming of age. We were no longer some fringe group hoping to get our views across. On that sunny clear day, as I sat with some of the "movers and shakers" of this town, I was proud to represent FCN and you. Through the leadership of Dave, we were being held up to the community-at-large and thanked for our participation in this most worthy project.

I think as a community we are strong - we do have power, we can and do make a difference. Just by being associated with FCN we are saying "I am part of something bigger than myself and my friends - I'm part of a social force which is changing Savannah - and for the better."

Phoenix Place is a home for for homeless HIV+ folk. It is located at 34th and E. Broad. You have probably driven by there a billion times and never noticed it. Next time look for a new fence. That's the place. When Dave first approached FCN and asked for our help he had just been named Director of this project and went to ACE for help. ACE wouldn't help - we would. And so began the long process of turning a windowless abandoned crack-house into the tastefully decorated and landscaped showplace it is today.

FCN was able to turn Dave on to a few of the many talented people within our business community to help in the renovation. But our real strength as an organ-

ization was getting out the volunteers. We had painters, varnishers, refinishers, paper-hangers, planters, sodders, dirt movers, and builders. There were times when only gay people were there. At those times the feeling was one of community - of warmth, concern, and that special "glow of giving". It was a wonderful feeling to know we were helping those less fortunate than ourselves. I hope that everyone who helped us on this project felt that way, too.

A special FCN thanks to Dave Gillooly - who had the foresight to call us in the first place. To Emma for her calming effect and excellent painting and papering skills. To Mark for producing a lush and glorious landscape out of a desolate wasteland. To Lawrence and Kem for devoting their weekends to work and cheerleading us on. And to those who donated money, skills, time, or energy - thanks, Thanks, THANKS !!!

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For the first time in its history, FCN will host a Gay Pride Potluck this month. It will be one of thousands of Gay Pride celebrations taking place throughout the United States June 22-24 to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of 1969, and the beginning of gay liberation as a movement.

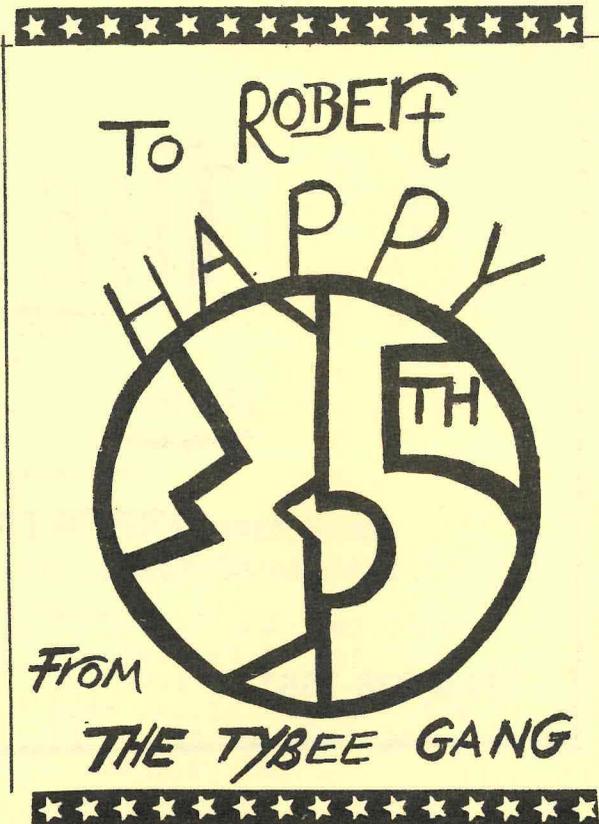
During the McCarthy era of the fifties, a concerted effort to repress homosexuality and harass homosexuals surged throughout the country. Many homosexuals themselves felt a degree of shame, guilt and self-hate. Gay people, like black people, had been taught to "know their place", keep silent before their "superiors", i.e. heterosexuals, and to believe themselves unworthy of the rights and privileges of heterosexuals. Police raids of gay bars in many cities became commonplace. What also became commonplace was the submissiveness with which gays allowed themselves to be arrested and herded into police paddywagons like docile cattle going to the slaughter.

With the sixties, however, a kind of militancy swept the U.S. among blacks, students, draftees, women and, yes, lesbians and gay men. On Friday, June 27, 1969, something startling and wonderful happened. The New York City police decided to raid a Greenwich Village gay bar called The Stonewall, which was frequented mainly by gay men in drag. In the preceding three weeks, five gay bars in the city had already been "successfully" raided. What made this raid so unsuccessful and wonderfully different was the reaction of the bar's customers and employees. They first confronted the police with jeers and high camp, but then overturned tables and threw chairs, glasses, bricks, stones, high-heeled shoes, and even parking meters. By the end of the week, the Stonewall bar had been burned out, but a new form of collective resistance had begun: Gay Liberation and Gay Pride. Within two years of Stonewall, gay liberation groups and organizations had emerged in every major city and college campus in the United States, Canada, Australia and Western Europe. Savannah today has a gay and lesbian organization called First City Network that is in its fifth year, and is well supported by the gay and lesbian communities of Savannah and South Georgia and South Carolina low country. We urge all of our supporters to come out and

Shirley

AIDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, May 20, 1990, an Ecumenical AIDS Memorial Service was held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, to remember in prayer all men, women and children who have died from AIDS. The Rev. Fred Andrea, pastor of First Baptist Church, spoke movingly about the need to love persons with AIDS, and Ric and Bobby represented FCN, carrying the banner of black and white. The service was initiated by Phoenix Place of Union Mission, which has recently taken the lead in AIDS care and service locally, and whose support the Board of Directors of FCN strongly urge.



President Signs Law on Hate Crimes

By ANDREW ROSENTHAL
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 23 — Appearing before an audience that included liberal Democrats, conservative Republicans and the first homosexual rights advocates invited to a White House ceremony, President Bush today signed a law ordering a detailed study of crimes motivated by racial, ethnic or sexual prejudice.

"The faster we can find out about these hideous crimes, the faster we can track down the bigots who commit them," Mr. Bush said as he signed the law, which requires the Justice Department to conduct a five-year statistical study on crimes of hate.

"Enacting this law today," he said, "helps us move toward our dream, a society blind to prejudice, a society open to all."

Mr. Bush spoke at a ceremony in the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House, where he drew unusual praise from gay and lesbian organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other groups that have criticized his record on civil rights.

Agreement Against Protests

The expectation of such praise and the public relations benefit that could come from it were part of the Administration's calculation when it decided to hold a public ceremony for the signing of the bill, officials said.

It was the first time a President has signed legislation that includes sexual orientation with more traditional groups like racial and religious minorities. It was also the first time that supporters of gay and lesbian rights had been invited to a White House event.

Administration officials and representatives of the homosexual organizations who took part said the White House had invited the advocates to the ceremony only after eliciting an agreement that they would not turn it into a protest against Mr. Bush's policy on Federal financing for AIDS research and treatment.

"Both sides agreed that this was a different issue," said Perry Jude Radevic, the legislative director for the

A first White House event for gay rights advocates.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "This was the President inviting us to his house," she added. "But we also assured the White House that we would continue to speak out on the AIDS issue."

Overwhelming Support for Bill

The National Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which was strongly backed by the Administration, was passed overwhelmingly by the House this month and by the Senate in February.

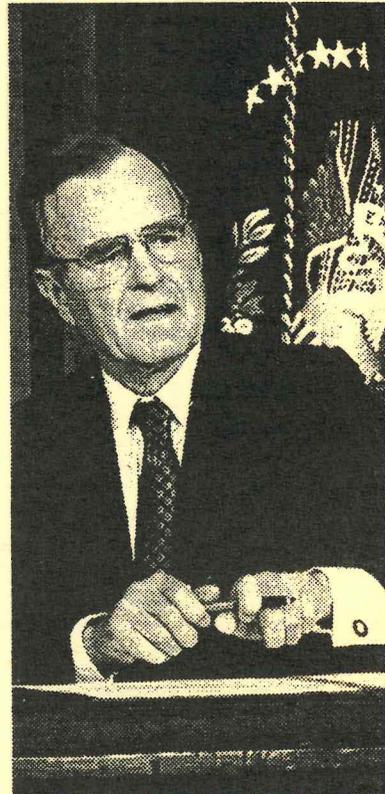
The law requires the Justice Department to spend five years gathering data on crimes motivated by prejudice about race, religion, ethnic background or sexual orientation. The Department has established a toll-free number — 1-800-347-HATE — that will be available for the public to report such crimes starting next Monday.

Administration officials have said the study will help Federal and local policy makers and law-enforcement officials decide whether they need to change laws or enforcement methods to deal with hate crimes.

Diann Y. Rust-Tierney, the legislative director for the A.C.L.U.'s Washington office, called the new law a sign of a "national consensus that the issue of hate crimes is important."

Particular praise for Mr. Bush came from the gay rights advocates, who had occasionally been brought to the White House quietly in the Administration of President Jimmy Carter to work on legislation but had never been included in a public event.

Senator Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who sponsored the bill in the Senate with Paul Simon, the Illinois Democrat, said the homosexual advocates who worked to have the words "sexual orientation" added to the origi-



The New York Times/Jose R. Lopez

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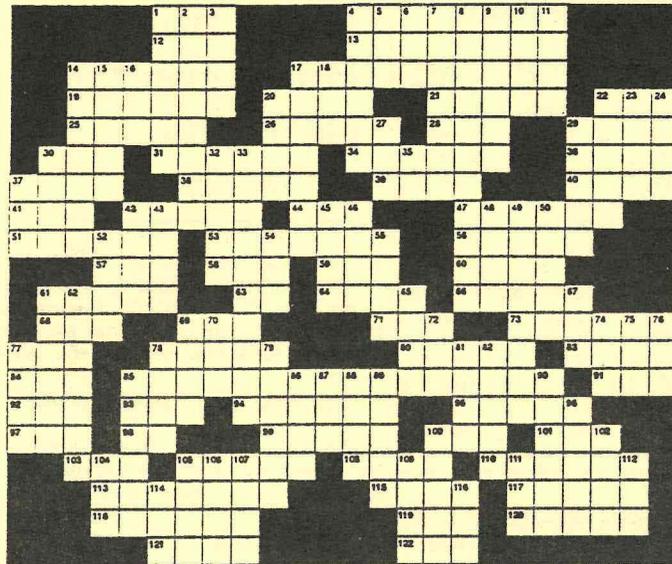
Mr. Hatch said he was startled when he arrived at the ceremony today and heard applause from groups with which he has had his share of political battles.

"I turned around to see who might have come in behind me," he said, "but to my amazement, it was me they were applauding."

The News Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Pharaoh
- 4. Most thoroughly gay?
- 12. Ints. Amer. women's tennis champ b. 1906
- 13. Homosexual coil.
- 14. What Dorothy might have said
- 17. A trick away from home or to have cold feet
- 19. Women loving women?
- 20. S&M fantasy or a Wilde residence
- 22. Fr. speak. Prov.
- 25. Critical
- 26. Lord Alfred's lover
- 28. Short for pretentious Violette
- 29. With ruffle or mop
- 30. With horse or urchin
- 31. Seize suddenly
- 34. A solvent or a name for a drag queen
- 36. A period of time
- 37. A Classic god
- 38. Japanese city
- 39. Reduce strain
- 40. Wells role
- 41. Skill
- 42. Those who might enjoy 17 across
- 44. Sports org.
- 47. Flexible
- 51. Gay man
- 53. Done with barely enough
- 56. A saintly place to meet
- 57. An actor?
- 58. More than one Bill abb.
- 59. Card game
- 60. Organizational abb.
- 61. Gay man
- 63. Signifies location
- 64. Man's name
- 66. ____ Park, Col.
- 68. Stocking destroyer
- 69. Distress signal
- 71. Churchman abb.
- 73. Secret jargons
- 77. Joke
- 78. For some are pleasures
- 80. Prepares potatoes in a way
- 83. Natural ointment
- 84. Small island
- 85. What the witch wrote in smoke
- 91. Size
- 92. Porcine abode
- 93. Individual
- 94. Lesbian jazz singer
- 95. Linen
- 97. Middle name of chinese ruler
- 98. No problems
- 99. Found in Levi bar?



- 100. Fr. holy person abb.
- 101. Homophobic patron ints.
- 103. Time abb.
- 105. Steps up and down
- 108. Unquestionable
- 110. Liquid measures
- 113. Most orderly
- 115. Editorial note
- 117. Gay or flower
- 118. A most sincere fellow?
- 119. Incarcerated aggressive top
- 120. Hooved animals
- 121. Highly involved with
- 122. Pres. ints.

Down

- 1. One who doubted
- 2. Up to this point
- 3. Often terrible
- 4. Greenorient
- 5. Mill. tom.
- 6. Blacken
- 7. Veers briefly
- 8. Bitchy endearment?
- 9. One who is showing feeling
- 10. Lizardly suffix
- 11. Having an explosive nature
- 14. Homosexuals
- 15. Nature spirits
- 16. Little one

- 17. ____ Carry
- 18. here Lat.
- 20. Prison top
- 22. Homosexual var.
- 23. With ce income derived from wealth
- 24. To be Fr.
- 27. Bread or whisky
- 29. Yet another brand of homosexuals
- 30. Indian dress
- 32. Awry
- 33. S&M top?
- 35. ____ Law
- 37. More Sp.
- 42. "To ____ is to obey."
- 43. A place for discipline
- 45. Square of two
- 46. Quite mad
- 48. Charged particles
- 49. Hairip?
- 50. Dangerous in 69
- 52. Once the ideal
- 54. Guess abb.
- 55. Long tongued animal
- 61. Homosexuals
- 62. Frank Baum character
- 65. Musical Roman who married a eunuch
- 67. College org. ints.

- 69. Certain
- 70. Famous athlete
- 72. Atmosphere
- 74. Hurrah Sp.
- 75. Appendage
- 76. Holy ____
- 77. Ago
- 78. Hor number
- 79. Break
- 81. Value
- 82. Gay man
- 85. Quicker
- 86. Fashion name
- 87. Navy rank
- 88. Nap
- 89. Those who change color
- 90. Gossips Yed.
- 96. Some are chickens
- 100. Cozes
- 102. Brit. Bum
- 104. Chem. suffix
- 105. Editorial mark
- 106. Exam
- 107. About
- 109. State
- 111. Speech symbol system ints.
- 112. Meth.
- 114. Black cuckoos
- 116. The bottom line

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Gay Couple In Court Over Split

By ANNE STROOCK
San Francisco Chronicle

SAN FRANCISCO — Jannett and Margot shared a life and a home for 25 years. Then, two years ago Margot walked out, leaving Jannett unable to pay even her utility bills.

Later this month the two will meet again in a Santa Clara County courtroom for what is expected to be a long, drawn-out battle under business partnership dissolution laws.

In a striking example of the growing tension between the changing realities of California life and the constrictions of California family law, the case has already created a legal file three volumes thick.

Even though thousands of gay California couples share businesses, co-own homes, and even raise children together, California law does not recognize any form of gay marriage — nor, of course, gay divorce.

Increasing numbers of these relationships are breaking up, and when they do, there is no simple divorce, and expensive hours of court time are spent adapting other laws to cover the situation.

In the Santa Clara case, for example, Jannett does not have the minimal protections afforded to a heterosexual husband or wife married for less than five years.

"If they were straight, we'd file a motion for temporary support and within 20 days she'd have money for the house payments and groceries," said Jannett's attorney Tanya Starnes, who asked that the real names of both parties be withheld.

The breakup has become expensive and complicated, and has al-

'Divorce' Handled As a Business Case At California Trial

ready bounced around the judicial system for nearly a year.

Unlike married couples, gay partners have no set of laws to guide them when a relationship ends. They either drain court resources trying to make other laws adapt to their situation, or they work out problems as best they can.

The situation is so serious that a group of attorneys involved in the cases are exploring the establishment of a mediation and arbitration service to handle them.

Attorneys with homosexual clients estimate there are easily 100 to 200 gay/lesbian partnership dissolution lawsuits in courts around the San Francisco area.

In general, attorneys praised local judges for their ability to adapt heterosexual family law to homosexuals, but all said there is bias against their clients' lifestyle.

"Society is so homophobic it shouldn't surprise anyone that there is homophobia in the judiciary," said San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Mary Morgan, an open lesbian.

"For a society that claims to be so pro-family, we are awfully shortsighted," she added. "Our society doesn't recognize the family configurations that do exist. If it's not Ozzie and Harriet, then it doesn't fit and we won't deal with it."

Last year the Bar Association of San Francisco and the State Bar passed a resolution asking the Legislature to define a marriage with the same language used before 1977, when the state formally outlawed gay marriages.

Until that time, it had defined marriage as a union "between two people."

A 1977 bill to bar same-sex marriages, sponsored by former Assemblyman Bruce Nestande, R-Orange County, replaced the old language with "between a man and a woman."

The bar association's 1989 idea, which would have given gays and lesbians the right to use existing divorce laws, never even became a bill for the Legislature's consideration.

"It would have been a waste of time," said Matt Coles, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, referring to its chances in the Legislature now.

He said this is just the beginning of a long process to change society's mind-set.

Dissolving a gay relationship can be even more complicated when there are children involved. Many homosexual couples have children from a previous heterosexual marriage, have adopted children or — in some lesbian cases — have had their own children through artificial insemination.

Outside of family law, there is no legal language dealing with child custody. Courts usually award it to the child's biological parent, ignoring any bond between the child and the other partner.

Macon hospitals accused of bias against indigent AIDS patients

By Steve Sternberg
Staff writer

MACON — Every hospital in Macon — including the county's 500-bed public hospital — has intentionally made it difficult for uninsured AIDS patients to get access to needed medical care, health workers told the National AIDS Commission on Tuesday.

Commission members listened intently to charges of discrimination against AIDS patients in central Georgia during the final session of a two-day site effort to assess the impact of AIDS on rural Georgia.

Local hospitals deny that they discriminate against AIDS patients, but some people with AIDS told the commission that even the county-owned Medical Center of Central Georgia sometimes turns AIDS patients away from the hospital's walk-in clinics — even when they are county residents entitled to care.

Mike Gilstrap, the medical center's vice president in charge of general services, said the hospital admits any Bibb County AIDS patient in need of care, and doesn't turn away Bibb County resident who meets the hospital's guidelines for indigent patients.

But Johnnie Fambro, head of the Macon Association of Persons With AIDS, said the county hospital's administration has done everything short of turning AIDS sufferers away "to keep us out of the hospital."

And staff members of the Bibb County Health Department's infectious disease clinic say they sometimes advise patients to attempt to gain entry to outpatient clinics by blustering, threatening or lying to get the care they need.

The controversy over access to AIDS care in central Georgia began two years ago, with an effort by the Georgia Department of Human Resources to establish an infectious disease clinic to care for the AIDS sufferers of central Georgia.

To get the clinic off the ground, the state offered the Medical Center of Central Georgia \$200,000. "The hospital turned it down," said Cecil Baldwin Jr., administrator of the Bibb County Board of Health.

The health board itself decided to try for the grant, but needed the public hospital's assurance that it would provide needed medical backup for patients too sick for out-patient care. Again, the hospital refused to help, Mr. Baldwin said. "To our shame, the money was lost," he said.

After a year of negotiations, hospital administrator Damon King agreed that he would allow the health department to establish the clinic — but not with his unqualified support, Mr. Baldwin said.

He said the hospital's administration would not "endorse our efforts or admit patients — because that would draw indigent patients and pose a burden to taxpayers."

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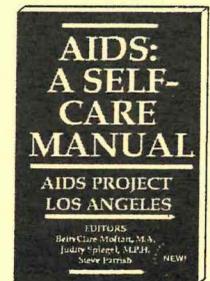
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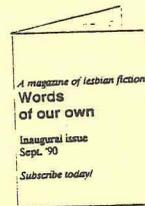
DYKES ON BYKES

Women motorcyclists will gather for the Women's Motorcycle Festival '90 from August 23-26 in the Allegany Mountains of Western New York. The Dice Run, a competitive event, has already been laid out. Field events will again be held this year, and will include a pentathlon. Group rides will include a parade run. Alix Dobkin will give a performance on Saturday night. The site for the gathering is a private camp. Other activities will include swimming, boating, canoeing, hiking, tennis, softball and volleyball. Festival fee includes camping, activities, meals, rally pin and t-shirt. Write: WMF, 7 Lent Ave., LeRoy, N.Y. 14482, or call 716-768-6054.



Electronic Outing

An electronic road sign along Interstate 270 between Washington, D.C. and one of its Maryland suburbs surprised some early morning commuters on a morning in March by flashing the message that "Scott is gay". Normally the signs are used for providing drivers with news about road conditions while an expansion project is underway. The message about Scott's sexual orientation could be seen by drivers northbound. Does this have anything to do with autoerotic?



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A drive-up condom machine at an Illinois Kwik Stop convenience store has angered some nearby residents. Bill Schriver, the store's owner, says it's his contribution to fighting AIDS and teen pregnancies in an AP story. He explained that he installed the condom dispenser to make it easier for boys to avoid embarrassment at the check-out counter. Fortunately, attempts by local residents to have the machine removed have failed to date.

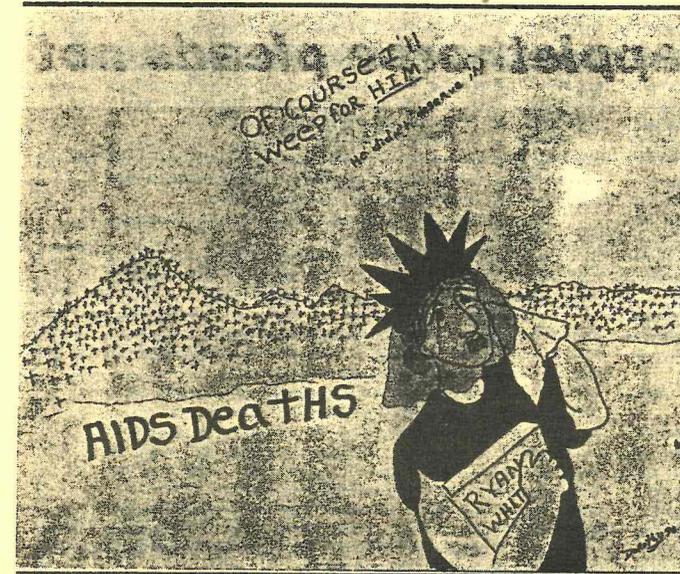
The Simple Math of Death

After Ryan White's death, and the attendant publicity which made tragedy a media event, it is always helpful to review who, by exposure category and location, is defined as a Person With AIDS in the United States by the Centers for Disease Control.

(The lines specifically indicated show where the public image of AIDS has been targeted.)

These figures are taken from the HIV/AIDS Surveillance report of the CDC issued April 1990 on data completed through March 1990.

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| Metropolitan Areas of 500,000 or more..... | 108,970 |
| All Other Areas..... | 19,349 |
| Total..... | 128,319 |
| Adult/Adolescent | |
| Male Homosexual/Bisexual Contact..... | 75,853 60% |
| Intravenous Drug Users (IVDU)..... | 26,883 21% |
| Male Homosexual/Bisexual + IVDU..... | 8,711 7% |
| Hemophilia/Coagulation Disorders..... | 1,141 1% |
| Heterosexual Contact..... | 6,231 5% |
| Blood Recipient..... | 3,040 2% |
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New journal on gay rights

New Orleans, LA - The students of Tulane Law School have announced the formation of a new national journal entitled *Law & Sexuality: A Review of Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues*. *Law & Sexuality* is the first law journal in the country to focus exclusively on homosexuality and the law. The periodical will be published in Louisiana, which has the harshest sodomy statute in the country and no sexual orientation nondiscrimination statutes at the local level.

The major purpose of the journal is to keep the community informed of legal developments in the area of lesbian and gay rights, as well as to encourage more creativity in analyzing these issues. *Law & Sexuality* will include theoretical and practical articles by academics and practitioners, as well as a large "recent developments" section written by stu-

dents. The journal will be published initially on a yearly basis, with the intent of expanding to a more frequent basis in the future. The first issue will be published in June of 1991.

Tulane Law School has committed \$6,000 toward getting the journal off the ground, roughly half of the journal's budget. The students are committed to raising the additional funding through a nationwide appeal to members of the lesbian and gay community.

Individual subscriptions are \$12 per year, while institutional subscriptions are \$20. Those who contribute \$50 or more will receive a complimentary subscription to the first issue.

For more information, contact Nicki McGraw or Joyce Cain at (504) 865-5970.

Botanically speaking

Fruit, flower, sod, daisy, pansy, lily, mandrake, mariposa, shrinking violet, applepie, lavender, fig-eater, rose, finocchio (fennel), pink.

For example:

Daisy—or Day's eye, is a symbol of fickle and inconstant love, especially that of women. It should therefore come as no shock that daisies linked together symbolize group sex (usually oral), i.e., daisy chain. The association of the daisy with fickle females and oral sex provides the basis for the only flower term used in reference to lesbians. However, it is also used in reference to gay men for the same reasons.

Lavender—Both as a color and a plant, lavender is associated with homosexuality. The word comes from the Latin word *lavere*, to turn pink or to blush. Lavender is used in perfumery, as a preservative for clothing, and as a washing agent. As a consequence, it is associated with the fussy, over-scented, over-sensitive, blushing and preserved person dressed in a delicate blueish pink, i.e., some old auntie of either gender.

Lily—The lily is associated with the Madonna as well as the Christ, hence it is often a woman's name. How then does it become linked to the less than pure male homosexual? The most likely link has to do with the phrase "lily-livered" which means unmanly, sissy (woman-like), or cowardly.

Violet—As a symbol of self-effacing modesty, violet is often a woman's name. The shy, avoidant image associated with the violet is equated with the supposedly over-sensitive, delicate sissy.

Pansy—Occasionally used as a female name, the pansy symbolizes pensive thoughtfulness. Retiring thoughtfulness is not a quality belonging to a "real man". Botanically, the pansy is a form of violet. However, in slang, the pansy is a form of shrinking-violet (sissy).

Rose—Rose is occasionally used to refer to gay men because it is used as a woman's name.

Pink—Pinks are members of the carnation family. The flowers have notched or fringed edges. Because of these edges, they are associated with elaborate dress and decorations. The color pink is so named because many pinks (the flowers) are pink (the color). Pink has become the color of the feminine as the result of the association of women with finery and the fringed pink of the labia minora. By extension, pink signifies homosexual (feminine) men.

Mariposa—This flower is often called mariposa lily or mariposa tulip. Mariposa is Spanish for butterfly. It is used to refer to gay men because butterflies flit. It is therefore the Spanish equivalent of fairy. The movement of the butterfly is likened to the fickleness of women and their attraction to the decorative.

the number of women's names that are also the names of plants and flowers. An obvious example is the name Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers. Flowers have been ascribed characteristics that have been culturally defined as characteristics of women. These associations provide the sexist and heterosexist link to the use of these flowers' names to refer to gay men.

A number of words that refer to the plant world also refer to gay people and homosexuality. Perhaps that is as it should be, given that most flowering plants are anatomically bisexual. The association between plants and homosexuality almost exclusively refers to gay men. This is in part due to the equating of flowering plants with femininity as can be seen in

Some gay-related botanical words are not so directly derived through their association with the feminine. Some are related to aphrodisiacs. Homosexuality was thought by some to be the result of an over-active sex drive that made a man less picky about the sex of his partners. For example:

Mandrake—The mandrake is a plant well-known in European witchcraft. The mandrake has a root that branches in a way that gives it a rough appearance of a human being. The mandrake root is taken in small quantities is said to make one vain about one's appearance, and in large quantities, renders one an idiot and sexual maniac. Sound like anyone you have met?

Finocchio—Also called Florence fennel, finocchio is an Italian term for homosexual men. The sweet anise-flavored stalk and bulbous root of this plant are considered to produce licentiousness. It is also emblematic of flatterers and is called women's weeds by Ophelia in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

Other botanical words are accidental in their association to homosexuals. For example:

Sod—Although it appears that we are discussing the lawn, sod is a contraction of sodomite. Sod is also used to refer to any unfortunate soul because we are all made out of dust or clay in biblical stories.

The association of homosexuality with fruit is not obvious. Fruit in general is sweet and usually equated with pregnancy. Therefore the associative principle would appear to be femininity. However, the more likely association has to do with easy sexuality and the genitals. For example:

Fig—The fig-eater is a beetle as well as a gay man. Both eat figs. The fig is often thought to represent the worthless as in, "I don't give a fig." Such a thought is supposedly contained in the gesture called the fig, i.e., inserting the thumb between the first and second finger and making a fist. Actually, the gesture is of ancient Roman origin and represents the scrotum filled with testicles as symbolized by the fruit of the fig. It is used to ward off ill luck. The ancient Romans believed that the penis and testicles contained protective properties. They wore representations of phalluses or hands in the form of a fig or had such representations attached to their doorways. A fig-eater may also be grazing under the fig leaves à la Adam and Eve.

Apple—Applepie is also used as a term for a gay man. More particularly, one who is easy to bed. After all, the apple led to the fall of man. ▼

Concert in Columbia

Friday, June 22, 1990 at 8:00 pm in Columbia, SC - Cris Williamson and Tret Fure in concert at the Township Auditorium (1703 Taylor Street). Advance tickets are available by sending \$ 15.00 (plus \$1.00 per order for postage and handling) payable to the Gourmet Club in a certified check or money order to Nocalula M. Moon, P. O. Box 7464, Columbia, SC 29202. Their music is a melodic combination of rock and roll and feminist folk. Reserved seating. Wheelchair accessible. Floor section A for hearing impaired and friends. Co-sponsored by The Gourmet Club and S.C. Gay and Lesbian Pride March.

Pharmacist with HIV keeps job

New York -- In an important AIDS discrimination ruling on the rights of health care workers, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, ordered Westchester County Medical Center to reinstate an HIV-infected pharmacist to his job with full back pay and without restrictions. The order came as result of the pharmacist's challenge to the Medical Center's discrimination under New York State's Human Rights Law in proceedings before the State Division of Human Rights. A decision in that second forum is expected shortly.

Rejecting the Medical Center's claim that it needed to put limits on the pharmacist's performance of certain job duties, OCR held that discrimination because of HIV status violates the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits handicap discrimination. Citing medical expertise and guidelines by the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and others, OCR observed that there is no "significant risk that he will transmit his HIV infection to others," even in the preparation of intravenous or parenteral products.

In an order dated March 22, 1990, OCR gave the Medical Center 15 days in which to take such corrective actions as hiring the pharmacist without restrictions or penalty and with full back pay and seniority. OCR also demanded a pledge not to discriminate against any future applicants or employees.

In related proceedings before the State Division of Human Rights, an administrative law judge found in late 1989 that the Medical Center's refusal to give the HIV-infected pharmacist his job constituted disability discrimination prohibited under state law. This was the first time that a judicial officer in New York State had held that asymptomatic HIV infection itself is a disability protected by the Human Rights Law. The judge awarded the pharmacist \$30,000 for mental anguish and humiliation caused by the discrimination, one of the largest such awards in an AIDS-related case and perhaps the largest awarded by a court.

The state case is now on appeal to the Commissioner for Human Rights because of the administrative law judge's refusal to order reinstatement to the job without restriction.

The case arose when the pharmacist was hired by the Medical Center and came in for a routine pre-employment physical. In an admitted violation of state confidentiality rules, a nurse from another section of the hospital informed the examining physician that the pharmacist had tested HIV positive as a patient at the hospital more than a year before. The Medical Center then refused to give the pharmacist his job, which he had been scheduled to begin on December 15, 1986.

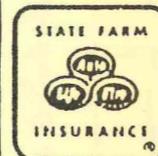
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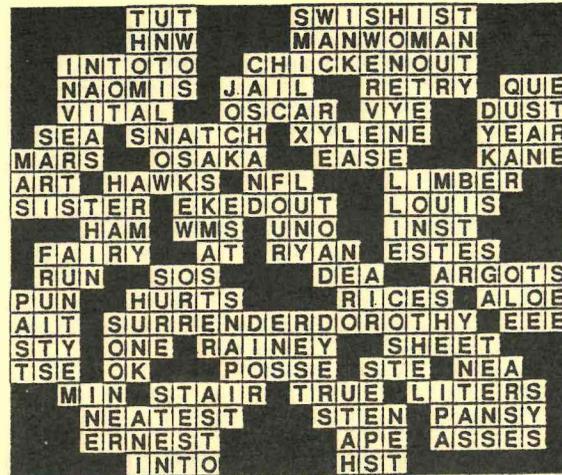


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Bernard A. Nuttner

Bernard Arnold Nuttner, 23, died Friday at Memorial Medical Center after a long illness.

The naive and lifelong resident of Savannah was a writer.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Dora H. Nuttner of Savannah; a brother, George Nuttner of Richmond Hill; a sister, Mrs. Joyce Lewis of Ellabell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral: 1 p.m. Monday at Massey Funeral Home, burial in Hillcrest Abbey West.

He was a man I never got to know. I met him when he returned to Savannah post-diagnosis. I doubt we would have been good friends - he was so young (ten years my junior) and had such a winning carefree attitude. I got to know Arnie as a founder of the ACE Foundation. And if memory serves, he was the initial editor to the ACE News. He was always very proud of that.

In the early part of this year Michelle G. called, concerned that Arnie was not getting the help he needed. He needed someone to help him bathe, fix his meals, etc. Being proud, he would never ask. So I volunteered a few days a week.

When I began Arnie could negotiate rather well with his cane and had a good appetite. He especially liked my hash browns. But after two months Arnie no longer even got out of the bed. By the end his eyesight was gone. He had lost control of his bodily functions and only ate instant grits.

Because of my deep respect for him and the pleasant memories he'd like you to have of him, I'll not go into other details of his protracted death. Suffice it to say it was not easy or pleasant - for any of us.

But the purpose of this commentary is not to sing the praises of Arnie Nuttner. Nor is it to lead you to believe I'm a great humanitarian.

I'm not. I was scared. I was angry. And there were days I had to force myself to go to his house. But I continued because I cared. And really, that was all I needed to get through it - to care.

I hope that is one quality we all share. Whether it be for family, friends or pets. We have the capacity to care. Arnie needed someone to care enough to help him. He was lucky - he had a mother and sister who loved him dearly. In addition there were many, many familiar faces at his funeral - our community was well represented.

But I suspect there are others in our community who are not so lucky. The Phoenix Plaza houses people whose family, friends or significant other will not care for them. I've heard stories of people well-known and respected in this community who have been shunned and neglected. This should be a time for pulling together - for including that friend in activities. We should not abandon our friends (or acquaintances) because they are sick. They need us now more than ever. And I promise you, you will be the better for it.

Whatever your reasons for rejection (whether fear of the virus, fear of facing the changes it may bring, or being afraid to deal with a real life and death situation), get over it. You have more power and strength than you realize. And you will never need more strength than you can provide.

A positive attitude and mind-set has been shown to be just as strong a deterrent as any chemical. Friends should not let friends languish in despair. We may not be able to stop the virus - we may not even be able to slow it down. But we sure as hell shouldn't hasten its progress.

John

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SAVANNAH'S FIRST GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION!!

In the July 1989, issue of the Network News, I felt angrily (embarrassingly) forced to write an article decrying the seeming lack of any semblance of Gay Pride here in Savannah. June, the traditional month for Gay Pride celebrations, had gone by unnoticed except by those of us transplanted from more progressive environs who did miss the annual "showing of the colors" and expression of our defiance and/or joy. For me, marching in Gay Pride parades and celebrations had always been both a joyous expression of "here we are, and aren't we swell!" as well as a defiant "here we are--we won't go away--acknowledge us--accept us--value us!". The empowerment of public acknowledgement cannot be denied. I sorrowed that gays in Savannah were too afraid or apathetic to experience that powerful, this-is-the-way-it's-'spose-to-be feeling.

This year I feel a lot better. The FCN Board of Directors decided not to put its head in the sand. The Gay Pride Potluck was the baby's first step, and quite a strong stride, too! As an early arrival, I got prouder and prouder as each individual and couple walked through the door of the Unitarian Church on Sat., June 23.

The only turkey was a fat, succulent delicious bird Bobby roasted for the crowd, and the variety and tastiness of the many side dishes proved very satisfying. The 25-30 folks who were gay and proud to show it by attending made me feel extremely good about our efforts toward a gay positive community and a gay positive us! We must accept ourselves and be proud of who and what we are before we expect or demand the same from others. We weren't in the streets this year, but we gathered, we acknowledged, we affirmed. We built a base for next year's celebration which will be bigger, better, gayer, outer, maybe even public--who knows? And we have a lot to be proud of.

I'm proud that First City Network continues to exist.

I'm proud that we increase in membership and financial stability.

I'm proud of our support of Phoenix Place.

I'm proud local politicians seek our endorsement.

I'm proud I'm not afraid to say and be who I am.

I'm proud of my friends who don't hide in the closet.

I'm proud the gay community has made a responsible courageous attack re AIDS reduction and PWA care.

I'm proud any time anyone stands up to hate-mongers like Jesse Helms.

I'm proud we passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act, to name a few legislative victories.

I'm proud we now demand family rights and spousal recognition for gay families and same-sex spouses.

I'm proud we have **bold face type** listings in the phone book that say "gay" and "lesbian".

I'm proud to have been one of the original six "prom queens" or Prom Committee I guess, unlike last June, this year I'm just PROUD.

Wilson Huff, Editor

ADVENTURES

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MY MIND

'WHERE CAN I MEET A NICE WOMAN?'
— A LESBIAN VISION OF PARADISE

by LAURA BULKIN

A straight friend confided recently that she was beginning to feel a more-than-friendly interest in persons of her own gender. This was not a terribly dramatic revelation, being prompted almost solely by her need to ask the eternal question: "Where can I meet a nice woman?" I didn't know what to tell her. As I once heard a lesbian comedian say, "Where *do* you meet women — at a bake-off?"

I turned to our local "womynspeak" and suggested to my friend that she might seek the girl of her dreams at any of a veritable rainbow of enlightening seminars. "The Challenge of Radical Chastity?" "New Marxist Contortionism?" "Peru and You?" My friend looked perplexed, so I decided to move on to the *Cosmopolitan* approach. Surely the wisdom of Helen Gurley Brown would transcend proclivity. "Look around the laundromat," I enthused. "Ask that cute butch to help *poor* little you fold those *sexy* satin sheets. . . . Or brighten up that dull morning subway ride with a naughty, *delicious* flirtation — why, you may never even *get* to work. . . ."

In reality, it pained me that I could not draw back some enchanted curtain to reveal a lesbian New York glowing with exotic, erotic potential. It was not so long ago that I had illusions of my own. I came into this life with the assumption that I had only to set foot outside my apartment in New York's East Village — the heart of the New Lesbos — to find myself in some charming literary salon. There would be latter-day Gertrudes and Alices entertaining friends for cocktails and sparkling repartee; Mata Hari dancing Salome for Colette and the Marquise; Atthis in a blue gown and Andromeda in the briefest of loincloths, wrestling perhaps. . . .

Perhaps I had read too much during my convalescence from my first lover. I soon found myself haunting bars. But there is no women's club that can give the kind of visual thrill that, say, the Saint once did, or the decadent promise of many of the men's bars, even now, during the age of safe sex. There is certainly nothing ap-

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proaching the *variety* of nightlife establishments available to gay men.

I can think of two reasons for this. The first is simply that men still have far greater financial resources than women do — more money to invest in opening a club, and more discretionary income to support the place as customers.

The second reason is more complex. For many lesbians, gay identity has become entangled with a multitude of issues that have little to do with sexual preference. I don't deny that there are social and semantic issues that even the least conscious of us must deal with in order to live peaceably with ourselves. What I find unfortunate, though, is that we have allowed our politics to cast such a drab shadow over sexual and sensual expression.

And why this insistence on dreariness? Isn't it ironic that while so many gay men speak of finding freedom of expression in glitter and fantasy as they become comfortable with what they consider a more *feminine* sensibility, so many lesbians are assiduously scrubbing away at every hint of magic, or (heaven forbid) preciousness, in order to avoid the double taint of stereotype and the bourgeois?

Where *does* one go? Here is my personal, money-is-no-object vision on a place to go for today's female:

The exterior is modest — perhaps a simple carved ivory door, opening out over a moat with swans. You enter a vast atrium, where you are greeted by a beautiful, toga-clad attendant, who takes your clothes and gives you a silk robe and a plush bath towel. The domed ceiling is high above, and it is difficult to tell where the mural of sky merges with the skylight.



GENE BAGNAUD

The music is Ravel, played by an all-female chamber orchestra. The air is scented with musk and fresh roses.

Scattered about are innumerable small pools, baths and fountains, subtly half-sheltered by low marble walls. Circular bars surround bubbling fountains of champagne — self-service. Beyond the baths is an indoor forest with elms, willows, morning glories and bougainvillea. (If this is botanically unfeasible, I don't want to hear about it.) Chinese covered bridges cross running streams. Two waterfalls — one steamy and one cool — flow into a clear pond.

Every weekend, the dance floor descends and the violins are replaced by music for dancers, the best of both new and old: Al Green, Elvis, Tina Turner, Marianne Faithfull — but sorry, Madonna fans, not in my club.

This is a 24-hour paradise, by the way. Between noon and four, while the atrium is being cleaned, a comfortable penthouse lounge serves breakfast and Bloody Marys, and *All My Children* can be viewed on a giant screen.

Now, if anyone is seething with distaste about my plan and reaching for a poison pen, please spare me the comments on the impropriety of such a fantasy in today's troubled world. If my soul is in jeopardy because I'd rather spend my evenings here than drinking warm beer in a cold loft, I'll take the risk.

Potential investors, however, may contact me through this magazine. I know you rich and famous heiresses and millionairesses are out there, and maybe you too have been wondering where you could go to meet a nice woman. ●

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DILEMMA

I really get tired of hearing, "I don't go to FCN functions because of 'all the dykes'." And my dearest friend, who happens to be a woman who wears comfortable shoes, tells me, "these dykes don't like all 'the queens'." Well, if we don't like each other how are we going to get the outside world to accept us?

This is from one "queen".

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I've had enough pretending. I'm officially moving in with my friend, Martin Rabbatt. We have been lovers for 12 years now and are building a house on the beach in Hawaii."

actor Richard Chamberlain

"If you're a man and thinking of getting an earring, you're too late. They're out. When straight men started piercing, the trend had already ended. A rule of thumb: Watch hip gays. Straights are rarely the first to be in."

from "U.S.A. Today"

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Church blesses gay unions

Washington, D.C. — United Methodist Church officials are evaluating a new policy by a local congregation that gives the church's blessing to gay and lesbian marriages.

The congregation at the 218-year-old Dumbarton United Methodist Church recently approved the policy, setting itself up for possible discipline by its denomination because it counters national church policy.

The 230-member congregation chose "to celebrate with a 'blessing of covenant' or 'holy union,' commitments that lesbian-gay couples wish to make and to celebrate them with the same serious and pastoral support that are afforded heterosexual couples in the service of marriage..." a church policy statement said.

The action will be official after the church marries its first couple, two women named Donna and Ann, *The Washington Post* reported Friday.

Most denominations, including the United Methodist Church, do not officially recognize holy unions for homosexuals, which are the equivalent of a heterosexual wedding without the state marriage license.

The United Methodist Church officially opposes homosexuality though it makes no specific reference to holy unions of homosexuals in the laws that govern the church, *The Book of Discipline*.

"It would have been a lot more helpful if it was written in pencil," said Lyle Harper, who serves under Bishop Joseph Yeakei as district superintendent of the Washington Central District of

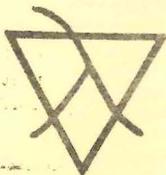
the United Methodist Church. "We have to take a look at it and see whether it goes beyond the limits of the United Methodist Church and whether they have the authority to do that."

"We're struggling with both the law and the discipline of the United Methodist Church," Harper said.

"We want to say the Christian thing to do is nurture and support all loving relationships," said Ann Thompson Cook, a member of Dumbarton United Methodist. "We don't think the church should be discriminating on the basis of the same sex."

In 1987 Dumbarton joined a nationwide movement within the United Methodist Church to adopt membership policies that include homosexuals.

"For Dumbarton to do this could have ramifications across the country," said Judy Cayot, a spokeswoman for Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian-Gay Concerns, an unofficial church caucus headquartered in Albany, California. "It's quite unusual because most local congregations don't get involved on this issue at all. That's going out on the limb."



LIFE AT THE CLOSET DOOR



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Ethics

Forcing Gays Out of the Closet

Homosexual leaders seek to expose foes of the movement

By WILLIAM A. HENRY III

Gays have long gossiped about which public figures of past and present might be secret homosexuals. Publications from the scholarly to the semi-scabrous have speculated about the likes of Alexander the Great, Shakespeare, Willa Cather and James Dean, with hundreds of others cited along the way. This name dropping is defended as a way of giving the gay community role models and a sense of continuity. When the rumors involve living people, however, discussion about who is "in the closet" has generally been held to a discreet murmur—partly in deference to libel laws but mostly in defense of privacy. That consensus is fast breaking down with the spread of a phenomenon known as "outing," the intentional exposure of secret gays by other gays.

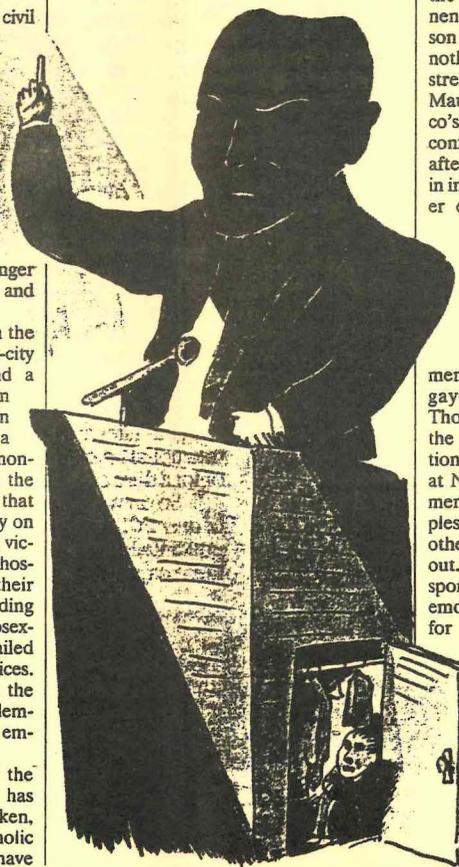
Frustrated at the slow pace of gay civil rights legislation and what they consider governmental indifference to the AIDS epidemic, growing numbers of gay activists now claim a moral right to "rip people out of the closet"—either to force them to help the movement or to nullify them as opponents. Their main targets are elected officials and religious leaders who may enjoy a gay life in private but who endorse antigay measures to safeguard their careers. Radical gays go further, pointing the finger at entertainment and media figures and even ordinary citizens.

Among conspicuous victims within the past year have been an East Coast big-city mayor, a Midwestern Governor and a West Coast U.S. Senator, none of them incontrovertibly known to be gay. In each case, the official was identified as a homosexual via leaflets or noisy demonstrations. The rationale for exposing the politicians' alleged secret lives was that they were guilty of malicious hypocrisy on matters of life and death. One outing victim had endorsed legislation allowing hospitals to test patients for AIDS without their consent. Another backed a ban on funding to school programs that describe homosexuality as normal. A third supposedly failed to provide adequate public AIDS services. Yet in an odd twist that underscores the uneasy position of gays in society, the demonstrators were attacking enemies by embracing each as one of their own.

Similar action against leaders of the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy has been threatened, although not yet taken, by prominent members of a gay Catholic group. Whereas the political leaders have

been under attack for specific personal acts, the clergy is a potential target because of the church's general, institutional opposition to gay sex.

While the idea of outing a fellow gay used to be considered repellent under any circumstances, the tactic has become increasingly acceptable to mainstream homosexual leaders. It is practiced by some gay publications, and its propriety has even been debated in the corridors of Congress. Last June, when Republicans falsely implied that House Speaker Tom Foley was gay, Representative Barney Frank threatened to expose Republican officeholders who really are homosexual. Few in Washington doubted that there were such officials, or that Frank, an acknowledged gay, would be able to name them. Republicans were already keenly aware of the ironic fates



of two of their most prominent antigay voices, Maryland Congressman Robert Bauman and conservative fund-raiser Terry Dolan. Bauman's political career ended in 1980, when he was charged with soliciting a teenage boy for a paid sex act; Dolan died in 1986 of AIDS complications. Republicans backed off, so Frank did not carry out his threat, and he was at pains to underscore the limited circumstances in which he would apply it: "I referred only to those gay people who shamefully use the fact or accusation of homosexuality as a weapon against others."

Still, many gays and sympathetic straights remain troubled by the idea of outing, even if used only against the movement's avowed enemies. Says Sarah Craig, an associate editor of Chicago's gay-oriented *Windy City Times*: "Really, you're only using the same bludgeon used to injure you to injure someone else." As a practical matter, moreover, if outing a closeted gay ends his or her career, there is rarely any reason to believe that the target's successor will be more sympathetic to the gay cause. Nonetheless, some prominent gays favor forcing every closeted person to come out, holding that being gay is nothing to be ashamed of and that there is strength in numbers. Novelist Armistead Maupin, a leading gadfly of San Francisco's gay community, was one of the first to confirm Rock Hudson's homosexual life after Hudson announced he had AIDS, and in interviews Maupin has named many other entertainers, some of them married,

whom he knows or believes to be gay. Says Maupin of those he would drag out of the closet: "Their embarrassment and self-loathing makes me lose respect for them. It also indicates to me they find my life repugnant."

The debate points up a fundamental division that has burdened the gay-rights cause for decades. Notes Thomas Stoddard, executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and an adjunct professor of law at New York University: "The gay movement is actually based upon two principles that collide. One is privacy, and the other is disclosure, the process of coming out." Those focused on privacy are responding to society as it exists, with its emotional and sometimes physical perils for overt homosexuals. Those favoring

disclosure are more concerned with society as they hope it may become, with tolerance for all. The political "causists" are prepared to sacrifice their present lives for future good. The problem with outing is that it claims an unjustifiable right to sacrifice the lives of others as well, whether they agree or not.

—With reporting by Andrea Sachs/*New York* and James Willworth/*Los Angeles*

Charleston, S.C.---- A prominent gay AIDS minister here says danger of HIV transmission at Interstate highway rest stops and adult book stores has reached crisis proportions. Rev. George Exoo, a Harvard and Berkley trained sociologist, points to a high number of secretive, married, bisexual men of child bearing age who successfully haunt these places for anonymous sex. Funded by the Unitarian Universalists, Exoo spent five months observing and interviewing men at two rest areas on I-26 and six suburban adult bookstores. His research reveals the presence of a "sexually active, but silent population of bisexual men, which Fred Kline, in his 1979 book The Bisexual Option, estimates may constitute one-third of the adult American males." Exoo estimates "conservatively" that the Charleston rest areas are cruised each month by 2,000 men. Eighty percent of those interviewed classify themselves as "bisexual" or "straight". Almost all are in a bonded or married relationship with a woman, and 99% of the women have no knowledge of what's going on. Exoo conducted interviews, both by phone and in person with more than 60 people after he posted his phone number in the restroom stalls. Two-thirds of the respondents admitted high-risk behavior. "Only one person has known what non-osynol-9 is, and he refuses to wear a condom. In fact, rest area regulars tend to regard the use of condoms as an admission of AIDS, and an absence of them as a sign of safety. Accordingly, people with HIV do not insist on using condoms. AIDS education here in South Carolina has failed miserably." Ninety percent of the people who called Exoo were locals, and with one exception live in a suburban corridor starting ten miles north of downtown Charleston, far from areas where single gay males typically live in Charleston. Exoo reports, "No bonding takes place. Men have sex with each other and leave. One veteran of 20 years said he has not made a single friend from his encounters, despite 3-4 contacts each week." Ages ranged from 17-55, but 80% of them fell between the ages of 25-35---years in which they are most likely to become fathers. Exoo is pressing the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to install AIDS posters and to sell condoms at cost by machine in all rest area men's rooms.

Fifty percent of those interviewed also visit adult bookstores. The liberal minister tried for years to get adult bookstore owners to respond to AIDS. "I told them all the gay men I knew who were dead or dying had been regulars in their peepshows until they were too sick to walk. I urged them to put strong warnings on films showing high-risk sex and in the mini-booths, where they had actually pre-drilled gloryholes. They refused, saying mention of AIDS would scare off their straight customers. They made it clear that they didn't really care about the health of their gay customers." The owners instead denied that high-risk behavior takes place. Last fall Exoo began observing in the bookstores. "I spent hours in the minis, and I saw for myself through the peepholes every kind of high-risk sex. I never observed a single instance of condom usage or saw a sign of condoms in the trash cans. The saddest sight, even though there was no AIDS risk in it, was a young Navy guy snorting cocaine by himself in a minibooth at 2am on Christmas Eve. The owners had lied. I knew they had. I consulted with other AIDS activists. We decided that the minis simply have to go. I urged the owners to switch voluntarily to zero-risk operations which allow for erotic expression. The JO clubs of San Francisco are an example. I even arranged tentatively through a friend for the Club Bath Chain to pilot their Mr. Safe Sex show here. The owners ignored my phone calls and hand-delivered letters. Only when I threatened to go to the media did they meet with the health department. I was assured many things would be done. Now, two months later, I have monitored the area's most popular store. What has been done amounts to placing a 3x5 inch AIDS sticker in the case where titles are displayed, posting some poorly photographed health brochures near the door, and running an AIDS film on one channel: a joke since no one is going to pay 25¢ every 2 minutes to watch a serious film minus its sound track. This is too little too late. In any contest between bookstore customers and a nickel, the nickel wins. There is no record of these businesses making any contribution to AIDS responses. Yet one owner brags that he takes \$300,000 out of his single store annually, and I know that his is one of the smaller operations."

In releasing his information to the media Exoo became the first Charlestonian of high profile to declare openly he is gay. Despite this, two days later, the city's generally conservative News and Courier editorially praised the minister as a "brave crusader against AIDS" and for his courage, accomplishments and honesty.

source: Baltimore Gaypaper

Washington, D.C.----The Americans With Disabilities Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives by an overwhelming vote of 403 to 20. This bill guarantees disabled Americans, including people with AIDS, access to employment, transportation, public accommodations and communications services. However, the House narrowly passed by 12 votes an amendment to allow employers to deny food-handling jobs to persons with "communicable diseases." It is really unfortunate that the Chapman Amendment was attached to the bill. It weakens needed protection and undermines the efforts of health experts to inform the public of how AIDS is and is not transmitted," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The amendment was endorsed by the National Restaurant Assoc., which lobbied extensively for its approval. "Although employers in the food industry recognize that there is no danger of HIV transmission, they argue that public misperceptions could cost them business, and therefore they need to discriminate," said Stephen Smith of HRCF. "Public ignorance has never before been considered a valid excuse for discrimination. We are disappointed that so many members (of Congress) followed their fear about public approval." HRCF sent over 20,000 "SPEAK OUT" messages from around the country to congressional offices pushing for the swift passage of the bill. "SPEAK OUT" messages enable lesbian and gay Americans to inform legislators of their opinion on critical legislation affecting their community. The Senate has passed a version of the Act without the Chapman Amendment, and a final version will be worked out in conference before being sent to the White House.

WASHINGTON, D.C.----Despite strong opposition from Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) the Senate overwhelmingly approved the Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act of 1990. The bill authorizes an estimated \$2.9 billion expenditure over the next five years to urban areas hardest hit by the AIDS crisis. The bill authorizes funding for hospital care in 13 major cities coping with growing numbers of AIDS patients. In addition, it authorizes funding for clinics, community health centers, as well as research and educational programs in all the states. The CARE bill is aimed at providing relief for health institutions in major cities suffering from such conditions as overcrowded emergency rooms and shortages of trained health care personnel. In addition, it will provide funds for the states to develop HIV care programs such as community-based health services. Senator Helms attacked the gay community on the Senate floor, stating that the bill resulted from "hysteria that has been whipped up and verges on terror," and that it will encourage "immoral" homosexual practices. "If they (gay Americans) would stop what they are doing, there would not be one additional new case of AIDS in the United States of America other than those already in progress," Helms stated. "Senator Helms has lost whatever credibility he had on the issue of AIDS. He only shows the public that he is ignorant, uninformed and out of touch with reality. Once again, the Senate has struck another blow against anti-gay bigots," McFeeley said, referring to earlier votes in the Senate on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Campaign Fund lobbyists worked closely on this bill with Senators Kennedy and Hatch in order to assure passage in the Senate. At the time of the vote, HRCF delivered thousands of "SPEAK OUT" messages from around the country to Senate offices. The cities that will receive emergency funds are: ATLANTA, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Juan and Washington, D.C.

DENVER, CO.----AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY OF A BISEXUAL ARMY COLONEL HAS LED TO A CHARGE OF CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN FEMALE IMPERSONATION SHOWS AND ALLEGED DRUG USE.

BUT COL EDWARD MODESTO, 42, SAYS THE CASE BEING BUILT AGAINST HIM BY THE ARMY IS AN INJUSTICE. MODESTO, A DENTAL SURGEON AT FORT CARSON, FREELY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE IS BISEXUAL, BUT DENIED ANY MISCONDUCT DURING A SHOW AT A COLORADO GAY BAR WHERE HE PERFORMED AS "CARMEN" AND WAS DRESSED IN WIGS AND A SEQUINED GOWN WHILE HE LIP-SYNCHED BETTE MIDLER SONGS.

MODESTO SAID THE INCIDENT AT THE HIDE 'N SEEK CLUB HAS BEEN BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION. "IT WAS A BENEFIT SHOW FOR PATIENTS OF AIDS," HE SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. "IT WAS A ONE-TIME INCIDENT. IT WAS NOT A ROUTINE THING AND IT'S REALLY BEEN TRUMPED UP IN THE PAPERS."

HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ARMY DOCUMENTS, MODESTO IMPERSONATED A FEMALE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BETWEEN SEPT. 1988 AND MARCH 1990. THE CHARGES ALSO LIST EIGHT OTHER INCIDENTS, INCLUDING MARRYING A MAN AT A PRIVATE CEREMONY AND HOLDING HIMSELF OUT TO BE THE MAN'S SPOUSE.

MODESTO IS STILL WORKING AT THE ARMY HOSPITAL BUT HE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM PATIENT CARE. THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN IN MARCH AFTER ANOTHER FORT CARSON OFFICER WAS ARRESTED FOR HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY AND IDENTIFIED OTHER GAYS AT FORT CARSON, INCLUDING MODESTO. THREE OTHER SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN CHARGED AND OTHERS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. MODESTO SAID THE INVESTIGATORS TOOK THE INFORMANT TO GAY BARS IN COLORADO SPRINGS, AND USED HIM TO POINT OUT OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS, WITH WHOM THE INVESTIGATORS WOULD STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION.

MODESTO, WHO IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, ALSO DENIES ALLEGATIONS THAT HE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO CUSTOMERS AT A LAUNDROMAT. THE ARMY HAS CHARGED HIM WITH INDECENT EXPOSURE AT THE LAUNDROMAT TWO SEPARATE TIMES. INVESTIGATORS HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT THE LAUNDROMAT LOCATED A BLOCK FROM HIS HOME, HE SAID. THE COLONEL SAID HE IS BEING UNFAIRLY PROSECUTED BECAUSE ONE ARMY OFFICER FACED WITH A COURT MARTIAL WAS ALLOWED TO RESIGN IN EXCHANGE FOR IDENTIFYING OTHER HOMOSEXUALS. "WHAT HE ADMITTED TO IS A LOT WORSE THAN WHAT I'VE DONE. HE ADMITTED TO HAVING SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS AND HAVING SEX IN PUBLIC. THAT'S A LOT WORSE THAN WHAT I'VE DONE. IT'S UNFAIR," MODESTO SAID. MODESTO, WHO COULD FACE 74 YEARS IN PRISON, FINES, DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE AND THE LOSS OF PAY AND BENEFITS, SAID HE ALSO WANTS TO BE ALLOWED TO RESIGN.

"IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M ASHAMED OF," HE SAID. "TO ADMIT TO THEMSELVES THAT THEY ARE GAY IS A BIG REVELATION FOR MOST PEOPLE. I'VE DONE THAT

ALREADY. IF ENOUGH HOMOSEXUALS (IN THE MILITARY) BECAME PUBLIC, THE MILITARY WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CHANGE ITS POLICY. IF THE MILITARY WERE TO LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE ARMY WHO ARE GAY, THEY'D SEE THAT (HOMOSEXUALS) ARE A BIG PART OF THEIR ORGANIZATION. AND THEY'RE GOOD SOLDIERS."

SAN FRANCISCO----Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, the co-founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, the oldest lesbian organization in the nation and authors of Lesbian/Woman, have registered with the HRCF's National Family Registry. The Registry was created as a central repository for lesbian and gay families. "We have been living together as a couple for thirty-seven years. Legally, however, we are strangers," the couple said as they registered. "Family" for the purposes of the National Family Registry is considered a person's primary and most important affectional and personal support system of close relationships. Family units are not limited to traditional partnerships.

WASHINGTON, D.C.----The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest lesbian and gay political organization in the country will contribute over \$500,000 to candidates for Congress in the 1990 elections. Contributions at this level will place the Campaign Fund among the largest Political Action Committees (PACs) in the United States.

"Our ability to make significant contributions to candidates maximizes the influence of lesbian and gay Americans in key congressional races around the country," said HRCF's Director. "We will fight for our health and our rights by electing our friends and defeating our enemies."

"Lesbians and gay Americans are committed to making a difference through the electoral process. Their generosity has allowed the Campaign Fund to make early strategic contributions for the 1990 elections. We have gone a long way in countering the pernicious influence of our extreme right-wing opponents. On Capitol Hill, the lesbian and gay community has become a force to be reckoned with."

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD....

I'm always asked, "How do I get involved with FCN?". Well here's your chance. We are looking for people who would like to involve themselves in the everyday functions of FCN. We need you to consider putting your name up for nomination to the Board or getting the ball rolling on a Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee for 1991, for instance. I know how taxing trying to do too many things during the year can be. FCN would like the Prom Committee for a great time had and a first rate job they did in giving the gay and lesbian community of Savannah something they could be proud of in The Prom. We who went to all five will surely miss them unless we can get together and make it the highlight of Gay Pride Week '91. Please, if you are interested in getting involved, call 236-CITY.

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SAN FRANCISCO----THE PUBLISHER OF A GAY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER HAS DENOUNCED "OUTING", THE PRACTICE OF PUBLICLY IDENTIFYING PROMINENT HOMOSEXUALS BELIEVED TO BE HURTING GAY CAUSES, AND HAS FIRED THE AUTHOR OF AN ARTICLE THAT EXPOSED A TOP CITY OFFICIAL. RAY CHALKER, PUBLISHER OF THE San Francisco Sentinel, SAID HE WAS "TOTALLY AGAINST OUTING", A PRACTICE THAT HAS DIVIDED THE GAY COMMUNITY.

CHALKER SAID HE FIRED HIS MANAGING EDITOR, MICHELE DERANLEAU, BECAUSE SHE RAN A MAY 3 ARTICLE WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION, AND THEN PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE PAPER SUPPORTED "OUTING". SOME PEOPLE IN THE GAY COMMUNITY SUPPORT "OUTING" TO IDENTIFY CLOSETED HOMOSEXUALS BELIEVED TO HAVE USED THEIR POSITIONS TO OPPOSE GAY CAUSES. CHALKER SAID HE WAS ON JURY DUTY THAT WEEK AND DID NOT KNOW DERANLEAU'S ARTICLE IDENTIFIED THE CITY OFFICIAL AS GAY UNTIL THE PAPER HAD GONE TO PRESS. HE SAID THE PAPER HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED IN LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS SINCE THE PIECE APPEARED.

IN A COLUMN WHICH APPEARED ON THE OP-ED PAGE OF THE San Francisco Examiner SUBSEQUENTLY, DERANLEAU EXPLAINED WHY SHE WROTE THE ARTICLE: "AS AN ACTIVIST, I WANTED TO SERVE NOTICE THAT THE GAY PRESS...WILL NO LONGER ADHERE TO THE CODE OF SILENCE WHEN ONE OF OUR OWN IS HARMING US FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS."

THE PROM 1990

The Prom, The Prom! Oh! What to say? What a lovely prom. Warm night, hot band, cold booze, cool cucumbers strutting their stuff past the hors d'oeuvres or spicy gals in gowns, grinning.

It sure felt like a good time was had by all. The decorations were lovely, food tasty, potables potent and the Veraflames rocked.

Though the hordes that attended last year must have been unexpectedly out of town, the crowd pushed 100 and wanted such a grand evening memorialized in zillions of photos. Lots of those who must have just returned late the night before (thereby missing the dance!) did show up at the prom picnic the next day at Tybee; a hangover-ridden grouping for fun, sun, and suns by the sea which played through the afternoon, volleyballed till the kegs ran dry, and almost ate all the crabs and hotdogs.

It was pretty. It was great fun. It was good to see friends from out-of-town, too. And unfortunately it probably won't happen again. The Prom Committee, having worked like dogs to put on The Prom for the past five years, has quit. The initial goal of raising money for a gay retirement home where old queers happily live out twilight years didn't materialize. (pun intended) In fact, those few individuals called The Prom Committee took hundreds of dollars from their own pockets to put on this party every year for everyone else, and the well's finally dry both money and energy-wise.

The FCN Board of Directors is now talking about incorporating Gay Pride activities around a sort-of Pride Prom next year, so hopefully there won't be a total void. Six women decided to do The Prom for themselves and their friends, and did for five years. Any other individuals who want to see it continue can do it too, and hopefully someone will.

At least this year, the opening of The GAY Nineties, there was a Gay Prom in Savannah, Georgia. Will it end just as the decade begins?

Well, anyway, it was a hell of a good time!

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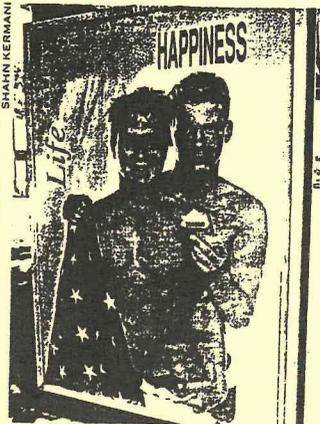
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Women who arrange for abortions at many New York City clinics often find their appointments canceled once they reveal that they are infected with the AIDS virus, an informal survey suggests.

Callers from the city's human rights commission made appointments with 30 abortion clinics and physicians that advertised in the Yellow Pages. Twenty canceled the appointment after the caller said she was infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, but had no symptoms of AIDS.

Katherine Franke, a commission lawyer who led the informal study, said 12 clinics said they did not have adequate infection control while others said abortion on an HIV-infected woman was too complicated a procedure for them to handle and referred the caller to a hospital.

The chances that a woman will pass the AIDS virus to her baby are estimated at between 20 percent and 50 percent.



A new invitation to double takes

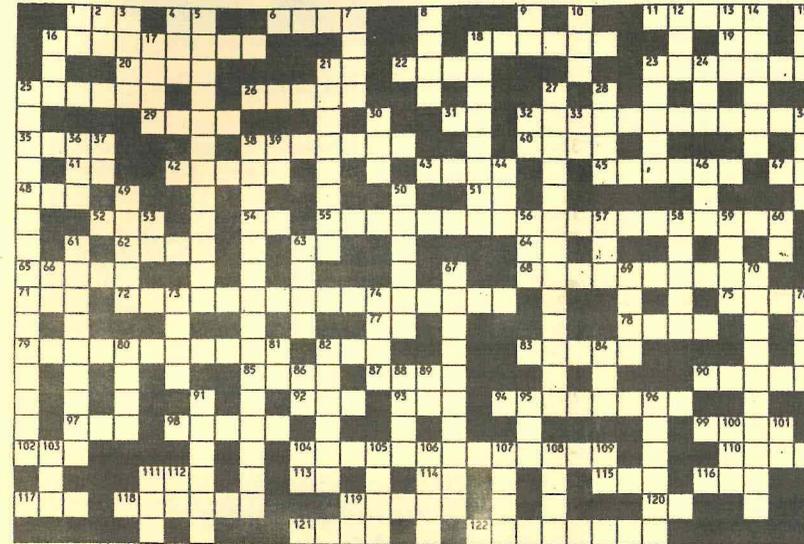
SAN FRANCISCO Safe Sex and The Flag

Advertisements in San Francisco bus shelters seldom provoke double takes, but an eye-popping poster on display in 30 bus shelters is proving an exception. It depicts two naked young men partly wrapped in the U.S. flag. One of them has an arm about the other while his free hand holds a condom. The caption: LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

Funded by \$10,000 from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the ad campaign comes on the heels of a new study showing that an alarming 40.7% of gay and bisexual men from 20 to 24 who were treated in sexual-disease clinics were infected with the AIDS virus. What disturbed researchers most: 36% of the young gays were having sex without a condom, 71% when having sex with a steady boyfriend. Says Lewis Lillian, general manager of Gannett Transit, which is donating half the space for the bus shelter campaign: "Those studies are terrifying."

Crossword Puzzle for Lesbian and Gay Couples

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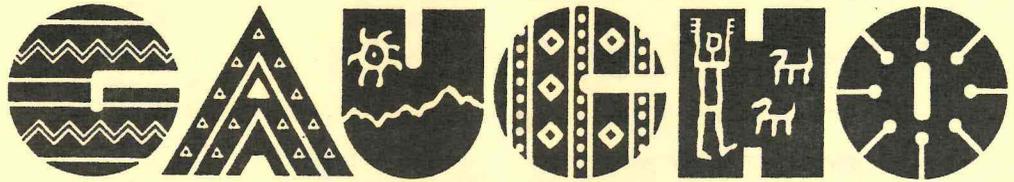
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- Uncovered by intimate experiences. (abbr.)
- The way things look when your relationship goes well.
- Last thing played at boot camp.
- Comes after nine.
- A choice for lesbians who want children.
- How to fight with a partner.
- Some couples first met at these.
- Careful type of intercourse. (abbr.)
- Gender.
- Pollen ester.
- Celestial body, source for heat & light.
- Hot.
- "His & ___" (towel monograms)
- Person who should stay out of our bedrooms.
- Whirl.
- Thompson's S.O.
- Alice's life partner.
- Federal return type; not for gay couples.
- Legal organization that supports gay rights, bar none. (abbr.)
- Ask for them were you work or play. (2 words)
- Adds children to household with equal custody for parents. (2 words)
- ___ of Avon; he dedicated romantic sonnets to a man.
- Merry.
- Closet. (abbr.)
- Burst of laughter.
- Best dress for bedtime.
- Talking song.
- Battle here for city workers spousal benefits. (abbr.)
- Legal way to take care of your partner. (3 words)
- News wire service. (abbr.)
- Tic-___
- Many denials.
- Meant to be read when your dead.
- Form of acting.
- Perform.
- Gets votes in DC. (abbr.)
- Dance form.
- Anniversary flowers.
- Clue.
- Greatly annoy. (abbr.)
- Rite of commitment. (2 words)
- Cheese eaters.
- With regard to.
- Ceremony at 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. (2 words)
- Experience after death of a partner.
- Relationship glue.
- Response (along with bearing it) to partner's old jokes.

- Amphibious fly catcher.
- ___-mate. Long-term partner.
- Selfless emotion.
- Well?
- Author of bestseller on lesbian/gay couples.
- One use of a spoon. (slang)
- One of your first words.
- Non-gay legal organization; supports gay marriage. (abbr.)
- Not applicable. (abbr.)
- Gay teller of tales, who sometimes writes about same-sex couples.
- Healthy direction from a closet.
- ___ & Lyon, long-time partners & co-authors.
- Raw material for wedding ring.
- Elliot's boyfriend, who is just out of this world. (film)
- Marriage vow. (2 words)
- ___-dependent.
- Said to help romancing.
- Almost perfect partner.
- Car.
- Thought.
- Negative.
- Burnside & ___, long-time partners & fairie friends.
- Mantra.
- "To ___, or not ..."

ACROSS

- Except.
- Seventh tone.
- Who to love first.
- Treatment up with which a partner must not put.
- Two dads or two moms.
- Oculations.
- Either.
- Authors. (Verb)
- Soldier.
- Couple plus one.
- Envious.
- Formal for marriage partner.
- Rock was to Marc.
- Sweater source.
- West Coast city with partner benefits. (abbr.)
- Shacking up.
- "Yours, mine & ___"
- Committed mate.
- Fibber.
- Affix (abbr.)
- Foolishly asked of gay couples, "Which of you is ___?"
- ___ at first sight.
- Prélude to union.
- Companion to ego.
- "Bore a hole in your head and let the ___ run out." - G. Marx
- Boxer's goal. (abbr.)
- Some couples have one by adoption or previous marriage.
- Former lover.
- Partner's relationship, short of marriage. (2 words)
- Centers.
- I.
- Word from sponsor. (abbr.)
- Form of cooking.
- Organized The Wedding. (2 words)
- Slippery fish.
- Most important companion. (2 words)
- Work.
- Too much. (2 words, abbr.)
- Impudence.
- What we're fighting for. (2 words)
- Burned in the '60s.
- Commitment symbols.
- Heavy.
- Native of first country to legalize same-sex marriage.
- Can happen when you get TOO close.
- Hangs in the Louvre.
- Short for golfer's aide.
- Exclusive sexual commitment.
- Early gay civil rights group.
- Get hitched.
- Build it together.
- It's a ___ to condemn gay/lesbian marriages.
- Vital ingredient for great sex.
- Church wedding.
- Bunnies do it.
- Not off.
- Not out.
- Tasty grain.
- "___ dear."
- (If you always have the last two words in an argument with your sweetie, these are them.)
- Seed vessel.
- "We are ___."
- Springing sound.
- Impersonal pronoun.
- Some non-exclusive couples.
- David & (Biblical lovers)



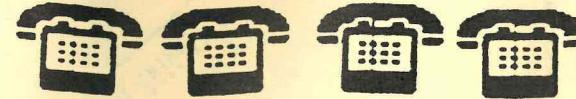
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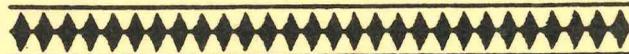
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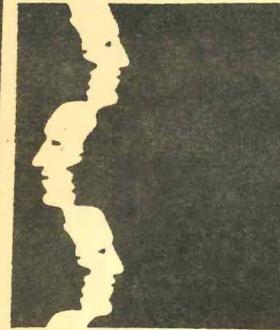
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AIDS in Georgia

Georgia is now tied with Florida for fourth place in the rate of cases of AIDS per 100,000 population. Georgia and Florida have a rate of 27.3 per 1,000. Other states with higher incidences of AIDS are the District of Columbia with a rate of 81.3 per 1,000; New York with a rate of 39.3 per 1,000; and New Jersey with a rate of 24.4 per 1,000. ▼

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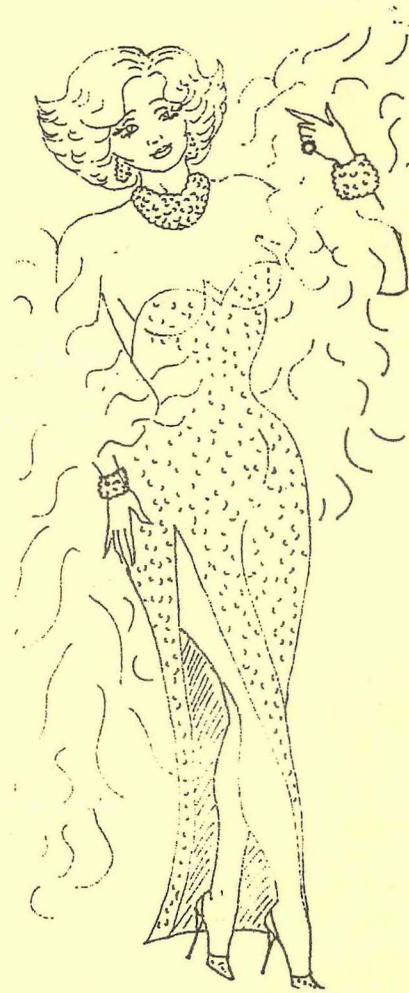
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A LETTER.....

JUNE 30, 1990

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SAVANNAHIANS FOR DONATING \$10 EACH TO SUPPORT HARVEY GANTT, THE FORMER MAYOR OF CHARLOTTE, N.C., IN HIS RUN AGAINST JESSE HELMS FOR THE U.S. SENATE. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS HELMS' NEGATIVE AND HOSTILE RESPONSE TO AIDS ISSUES.

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MARK KRUEGER

BLACK MEN AND AIDS: STARTLING STUDY

THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON AIDS PREVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER HAS ANNOUNCED THE FINDINGS OF A NATIONWIDE SURVEY ON AIDS-RELATED KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS OF OVER 900 AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ACTIVE WITH OTHER MEN. THE SURVEY FINDINGS SUGGEST THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF MEN ARE AWARE OF THE NATURE OF THE HIV/AIDS VIRUS, HOW IT IS TRANSMITTED AND HOW ITS TRANSMISSION CAN BE PREVENTED. HOWEVER, ALMOST HALF THE MEN STILL ENGAGE IN UNSAFE SEX. A THIRD OF THE MEN ENGAGE IN SEX WITH BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, BUT LESS THAN 20% OF THOSE ALWAYS OR ALMOST ALWAYS USE A CONDOM FOR VAGINAL SEX. MORE THAN 20% OF THOSE SURVEYED WOULD BE LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN UNSAFE SEX EVEN IF THEY WERE HIV POSITIVE OR HAD AIDS. LESS THAN 25% OF THE MEN SURVEYED WERE AWARE THAT BLACK MEN DIE ALMOST FIVE TIMES FASTER THAN WHITE MEN FROM AIDS-RELATED CAUSES. LESS THAN 50% OF THE MEN SURVEYED HAVE ATTENDED A SAFE-SEX WORKSHOP; SLIGHTLY MORE THAN HALF HAVE ATTENDED AN AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM---YET ALMOST 80% BELIEVE EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SAFER SEX PRACTICES. REGGIE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF THE TASK FORCE, SAID, "THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND IT'S INSTITUTIONS MUST BECOME MORE INVOLVED IF WE ARE TO REDUCE THE RISK TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS TO BLACK MEN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. WHILE ONLY 6% OF THE MEN SURVEYED PRIVATELY THINK OF THEMSELVES AS HETEROSEXUALS, 35% IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS SUCH PUBLICALLY. IT'S TIME TO DEAL FORTHRIGHTLY WITH THE ISSUES OF SEXUALITY THAT THE BLACK COMMUNITY HAS DENIED OR IGNORED FOR FAR TOO LONG." WILLIAMS STATED THAT THREE THINGS ARE CLEAR FROM THE SURVEY FINDINGS: SAFER SEX BEHAVIORS NEED TO BE REINFORCED, EARLY INTERVENTION AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIAL AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY MUST BECOME MORE SUPPORTIVE OF ITS PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SEXUAL PREFERENCES.

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GAY BARS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND ATLANTA HAVE PULLED MARLBOROS FROM THEIR VENDING MACHINES. THIS ADDED MOMENTUM BOOSTS THE BOYCOTT OF MARLBORO CIGARETTES CALLED BY ACT-UP/DC. THE BOYCOTT WAS CALLED BECAUSE OF PHILLIP MORRIS'S SUPPORT OF THE RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF NOTORIOUS HOMOPHOBIC,

SEN. JESSE HELMS OF NORTH CAROLINA. NOT ONLY HAS PHILLIP MORRIS GIVEN HELMS THE MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION ALLOWED UNDER FEDERAL LAW IN ALL PAST ELECTIONS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT FUNDING (\$200,000) FOR THE JESSE HELMS CITIZENSHIP CENTER, A MUSEUM TO MEMORIALIZE THE AIDS-PHOBIC SENATOR.

THE BARS PULLING THEIR MARLBOROS ARE LEAVING THE SLOTS EMPTY AND PLACING BOYCOTT MARLBORO STICKERS INSIDE THE WINDOW OF THE MACHINES.

ACT-UP/DC IS PLANNING A SERIES OF ACTIONS AGAINST PHILLIP MORRIS INC., INCLUDING A LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN. MARLBORO WAS CHOSEN AS THE MAIN PRODUCT FOR THE BOYCOTT BECAUSE IT IS PHILLIP MORRIS'S NUMBER ONE SELLER IN THE U.S. AND WORLDWIDE. A GROWING NUMBER OF ACTIVISTS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, GAY ORGANIZATIONS, ARTISTS AND BUSINESS GROUPS HAVE ADDED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE BOYCOTT. NON-SMOKERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN JOIN THE BOYCOTT BY CALLING PHILLIP MORRIS'S TOLL FREE NUMBERS: 800-446-7030 (RETAILERS ORDER LINE), 800-343-0975 (SMOKER'S ADVOCATE LINE) AND 800-552-2222 (BILL OF RIGHTS ORDER LINE).

ADDITIONALLY, WHY DON'T ALL YOU BARFLYS DEMAND THAT OUR LOCAL CLUBS JOIN THIS BOYCOTT, AND IF YOUR DEMANDS ARE MET, CALL 236-2489 TO LET US KNOW SO WE CAN LIST SUPPORTERS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

DUMP HELMS !!

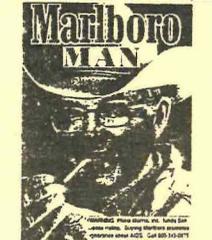
HRCF, (HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND), THE LARGEST LESBIAN AND GAY POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY, HAS GIVEN THE LEGAL MAXIMUM OF \$15,000 TO FORMER CHARLOTTE, N.C., MAYOR HARVEY GANTT IN HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEN JESSE HELMS IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION. HRCF POLITICAL DIRECTOR ERIC ROSENTHAL NOTED THAT GANTT IS LEADING HELMS 44-40 IN THE MOST RECENT POLLS TAKEN IN NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH INDICATES THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A "CLOSE, TOUGH BATTLE".

"THE MORE PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT JESSE HELMS, THE MORE QUESTIONS THEY HAVE ABOUT WHETHER HE REPRESENTS THEIR INTERESTS. HE SPENDS HIS TIME FIGHTING NEEDED AIDS RESOURCES, CENSORING ART, AND OPPOSING CHOICE. HIS BIGOTRY AGAINST LESBIAN AND GAY AMERICANS HAS NO PLACE IN THE U.S. SENATE," SAID TIM MCFEELEY, DIRECTOR OF HRCF.

THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN, GANTT HAS ATTACKED HELMS REGULARLY ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO GAYS. HE HAS ACCUSED HELMS OF APPEALING TO PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS RATHER THAN ADDRESSING THE NATION'S REAL PROBLEMS. "LESBIANS AND GAY AMERICANS CAN HELP SEND JESSE HELMS INTO RETIREMENT," SAID MCFEELEY.



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GAY RELATIONSHIPS

RECENTLY RELEASED STATISTICS COMPILED BY *Partners Newsletter for Lesbians and Gays* SHOW THAT GAY AND LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS AVERAGE NEARLY SIX YEARS IN LENGTH, EVEN THOUGH THE AVERAGE RESPONDENT WAS ONLY 35 YEARS OLD. OF THE 1,769 PEOPLE SURVEYED, MORE THAN A HUNDRED COUPLES HAD PASSED THEIR 15TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE SURVEY NOTED LONGER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG MEN THAN WOMEN. LESBIAN COUPLES HAD BEEN TOGETHER AN AVERAGE OF 4.9 YEARS, WHILE MALE COUPLES AVERAGED 6.9 YEARS. ALTHOUGH MALE RESPONDENTS AVERAGED NEARLY TWO YEARS OLDER THAN LESBIANS, THE DIFFERENCE DOES NOT FULLY ACCOUNT FOR THE VARIATION IN RELATIONSHIP LONGEVITY.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ABOVE WAS REPORTED STRAIGHT, ALTHOUGH IT TAKES A QUANTUM LEAP OF FAITH TO BEGIN TO BELIEVE THESE "RESPONDENTS" RESEMBLE ANY OF THE QUEERS YOU AND I KNOW IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM! ONE MUST FIRST CONSIDER WHAT AN IMPOSSIBLY SKEWED SAMPLE OF RESPONDENTS ONE MUST HAVE IN A POOL OF 35 YEAR OLDS WHO ALREADY SUBSCRIBE TO A MAGAZINE WITH THAT TITLE, NOT TO MENTION THAT MOI BELIEVES THAT THESE GUYS GETTING *Partners* HAVEN'T SEEN 35 LATELY EXCEPT IN THEIR WILDEST DREAMS. AND DON'T YOU QUEENS LIE LIKE CHEAP LINOLEUM, HONEY !!! TALK ABOUT HYPERBOLE, 6.9 YEARS TOGETHER FOR SUPPOSEDLY YOUNG MALE COUPLES?!? GIVE ME A BREAK! 6.9 HOURS, MAYBE, ON A GOOD DAY! AND WHILE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT GAY WOMEN ARE MUCH MORE PRONE TO COUPLE THAN MEN (REMEMBER, THE OLD JOKE ABOUT A LESBIAN'S SECOND DATE ALWAYS BEING THE ENGAGEMENT PARTY?!), MOST YOUNG LESBIANS SEEM TO CHANGE PARTNERS NEARLY AS RAPIDLY AS SOCKS IN SOME CITIES, AND I'VE MET NONE WHO'VE CELEBRATED A 15TH ANNIVERSARY! DO ALL THESE SUBSCRIBERS LIVE IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA?

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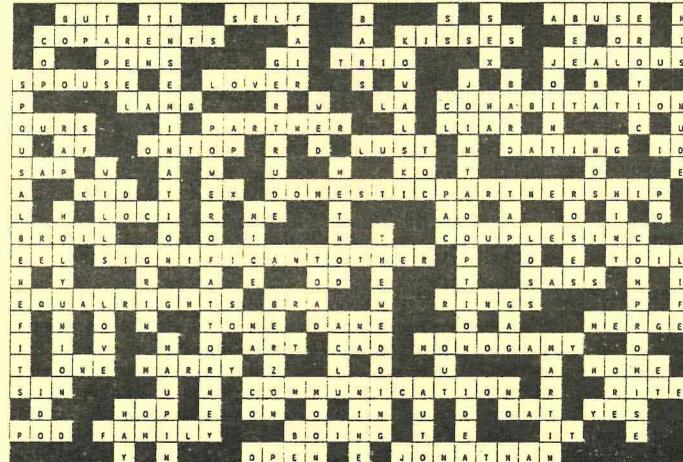
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BARBARA BUSH, WRITING IN RESPONSE TO A RECENT LETTER FROM PAULETTE GOODMAN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF P-FLAG, STATED THAT "I FIRMLY BELIEVE WE CAN NOT TOLERATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS IN OUR COUNTRY. SUCH TREATMENT ALWAYS BRINGS WITH IT PAIN, AND PERPETUATES HATE AND INTOLERANCE. I APPRECIATE SO MUCH YOUR SHARING THE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION AND ATTITUDES. YOUR WORDS SPEAK ELOQUENTLY OF YOUR LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR ALL GAY AMERICANS AND THEIR FAMILIES."

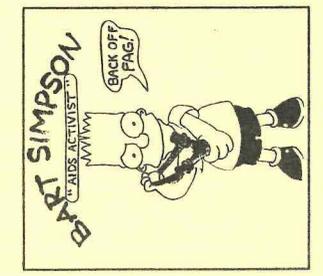
FOR THIS SIMPLE STATEMENT AND FOR LIGHTING CANDLES IN THE WHITE HOUSE WINDOWS AS PART OF A RECENT AIDS MEMORIAL VIGIL, MRS. BUSH HAS BEEN STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY CONSERVATIVE ACTIVISTS. RIGHT-WING COLUMNISTS USED THEIR COLUMNS TO EXPRESS ANGST OVER THE LETTER, WHILE HOUSE REPUBLICAN WHIP NEWT GINGRICH OF GEORGIA HAS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED FEAR THAT THE WHITE HOUSE COULD BE SEEN AS "SANCTIONING HOMOSEXUAL LIFESTYLES".

BARBARA BUSH DESERVES PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE TO ENSURE THAT ALL AMERICANS, INCLUDING GAY ONES, ARE TREATED EQUALLY. WRITE TO BARBARA BUSH, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C., 20500.

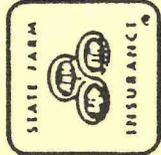
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ANTI-GAY BIAS HORRIFIC!

GAY MEN AND WOMEN IN AMERICA FACE A HATRED MORE INTENSE, OPEN, AND INTRACTABLE THAN THAT FELT BY ANY OTHER MINORITY GROUP, RESEARCHERS ARE FINDING. ALTHOUGH LOLS SHOW THAT MORE AMERICANS ARE BEGINNING TO ACCEPT HOMOSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN AND SUPPORT THEIR RIGHTS, THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT INCREASE IN REPORTS OF ANTI-GAY BIAS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE AIDS EPIDEMIC.

BUT AIDS HAS NOT CREATED THE NEW HOSTILITY, RESEARCHERS SAY. INSTEAD, THE DISEASE HAS GIVEN BIGOTS AN EXCUSE TO ACT OUT THEIR HATRED. IN STUDYING THE VIRULENCE AND TENACITY OF ANTI-GAY FEELINGS, PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE FINDING CLUES TO THE DEEPER SOURCES OF HOMOPHOBIA. THE NEW FINDINGS CONFIRM THE THEORY THAT SOME MEN USE HOSTILITY AND VIOLENCE TO HOMOSEXUALS TO REASSURE THEMSELVES ABOUT THEIR OWN SEXUALITY.

BUT THE GREATEST PORTION OF ANTI-HOMOSEXUAL BIAS, PSYCHOLOGISTS NOW SAY, ARISES FROM A COMBINATION OF FEAR AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, IN WHICH HOMOSEXUALS ARE PERCEIVED AS CONTEMPTIBLE THREATS TO THE MORAL UNIVERSE. SUCH ATTITUDES ARE SUPPORTED, RESEARCHERS SAY, BY THE FACT THAT UNLIKE ANY OTHER MINORITY GROUP, HOMOSEXUALS STILL ARE THE TARGET OF INSTITUTIONALIZED BIAS. THEY ARE BERRED FROM THE ARMED SERVICES, AND IN MANY STATES, INCLUDING GEORGIA, SODOMY LAWS MAKE THEIR SEXUAL ACTIVITIES ILLEGAL.

ONE OF THE MOST TROUBLING FINDINGS IS DATA SHOWING THAT ANTI-GAY HOSTILITY IS FAR MORE ACCEPTED AMONG LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS THAN IS BIAS AGAINST OTHER GROUPS. IN SURVEYS, ABOUT 75% OF HOMOSEXUALS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY PEOPLE CALLING THEM NAMES, AND 1 IN 4 SAY THEY HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED. A 1988 STUDY BY NEW YORK STATE'S GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON BIAS-RELATED VIOLENCE FOUND THAT WHILE TEENAGERS SURVEYED WERE RELUCTANT TO ADVOCATE OPEN BIAS AGAINST RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, THEY WERE EMPHATIC ABOUT DISLIKING HOMOSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN, PERCEIVING THEM "AS LEGITIMATE TARGETS WHICH CAN BE OPENLY ATTACKED." SCIENTISTS SAY THE LARGEST GROUP AMONG THOSE WHO ARE BIASED AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS ARE THOSE FOR WHOM GAYS "STAND AS A PROXY FOR ALL THAT IS EVIL", SAID GREGORY HEREK, A PSYCHOLOGIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS. "SUCH PEOPLE SEE HATING GAY MEN AND WOMEN AS A LITMUS TEST FOR BEING A MORAL PERSON," SAID DR. HEREK, WHO HAS DONE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON ATTITUDES TOWARD GAYS. THUS DR. HEREK DOES NOT SEE AIDS AS HAVING INCREASED ANTI-GAY FEELINGS AS MUCH AS OFFERING "A CONVENIENT HOOK ON WHICH TO HANG THEIR PRE-EXISTING PREJUDICES."

BOB ALTEMEYER, A PSYCHOLOGIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, HAS FOUND THAT THOSE WITH THE MOST INTENSE HOSTILITY HAVE AN EXTREME FEAR THAT THE WORLD IS AN UNSAFE PLACE AND A SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT LEADS THEM TO JUDGE THOSE WHO HOLD DIFFERENT MORAL VALUES THAN THEIRS AS MORALLY INFERIOR.

"THEY SEE HOMOSEXUALS AS A SIGN THAT SOCIETY IS DISINTEGRATING AND AS A THREAT TO THEIR SENSE OF MORALITY. THEIR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS MAKES THEM FEEL THEY ARE ACTING MORALLY WHEN THEY ATTACK HOMOSEXUALS." ONCE A PERSON HAS AN ANTI-GAY BIAS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO CHANGE, SAYS DR. HEREK. "EVEN WHEN REALITY CONTRADICTS IT. THUS THE STEREOTYPES OF GAY MEN AS FEMININE, AND LESBIANS AS MASCULINE PERSISTS IN PEOPLE'S MINDS EVEN THOUGH MOST GAY MEN AND LESBIANS DO NOT, IN FACT, CONFORM TO THOSE IMAGES."

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution

MORE NEWS...

WASHINGTON, D.C.----AN ESTIMATED 3.3% OF ADULT MEN HAVE HOMOSEXUAL SEX ON A REGULAR BASIS, INCLUDING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MARRIED MEN. THIS ESTIMATE IS BASED ON PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED FINDINGS OF RANDOMIZED SURVEYS OF 1450 MEN OVER 21 CONDUCTED IN 1970. FINDINGS FROM A 1988 SURVEY OF 638 MEN SUPPORT THE ESTIMATES FROM THE EARLIER SURVEY, THE INVESTIGATORS NOTE. THE 1970 ESTIMATE OF THE PREVALENCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY IS SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN KINSEY'S FINDING THAT 4% OF AMERICAN MEN ARE EXCLUSIVELY HOMOSEXUAL, BASED ON NONRANDOMIZED INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BETWEEN 1938 AND 1948.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY WERE CONTAINED IN A SELF-ADMINISTERED SECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, BUT MEN IN 1970 MAY HAVE CERTAINLY HIDDEN THEIR HOMOSEXUALITY BEFORE THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT ENCOURAGED HOMOSEXUAL MEN TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ABOUT THEIR SEXUAL PREFERENCES. FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE MEN DID NOT RESPOND TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY, AND ANOTHER 6% ANSWERED ONLY SOME OF THE QUESTIONS. ABOUT 20% REPORTED HAVING HOMOSEXUAL SEX AT LEAST ONCE; ABOUT 5% REPORTED HAVING ONLY ONE SUCH CONTACT. RATES OF REPORTED HOMOSEXUALITY INCREASED WITH EDUCATION; 10.1% OF MEN WITH LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION REPORTED HAVING HAD AT LEAST ONE SUCH CONTACT DURING THEIR LIFETIMES, COMPARED WITH 28.7% OF COLLEGE GRADUATES. WHEN ESTIMATES ARE MADE FOR THOSE MEN NOT ANSWERING RELEVANT QUESTIONS, THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES ARE 17.4% AND 31.8%.

MEN OVER THE AGE OF 30 WHO HAD NEVER MARRIED HAD THE HIGHEST RATES OF HOMOSEXUALITY. CURRENTLY MARRIED MEN ALSO REPORTED HOMOSEXUAL CONTACTS; SUCH BEHAVIOR WAS ESTIMATED AS OCCASIONAL FOR 2.8% AND FAIRLY OFTEN FOR 1.2% OF MARRIED MEN. THIS STUDY WAS DONE BY DR. CHARLES F. TURNER AND ROBERT E. FAY OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK... THE TOP 30 FLOORS OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WERE AGLOW WITH LAVENDER LIGHTS IN HONOR OF GAY PRIDE WEEK; JUNE 18-24.... AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT! DURING HOLIDAYS, THE BUILDING IS ILLUMINATED IN VARIOUS COLORS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH SPECIFIC HOLIDAY. FOR EXAMPLE, RED/WHITE/BLUE FOR 4TH OF JULY, LABOR DAY, VETERANS' DAY AND PRESIDENTS' DAY, GREEN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, YELLOW DURING EASTER WEEK AND RED/GREEN/BLACK FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY. GLAAD (THE GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION) LOBBIED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE 102-STORY BUILDING FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS TO HAVE WHAT WAS ONCE THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING ILLUMINATED IN HONOR OF THEIR CAUSE, ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN *New York Newday*.

"EVERYONE IS GOING TO LOOK UP THAT WEEKEND, GAY AND STRAIGHT, AND THEY WILL SEE THAT NEW YORK CITY IS RECOGNIZING THE EXISTENCE OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY", SAID TOM LYNCH, A MEMBER OF GLAAD. OWNERS AND MANAGERS OF THE BUILDING ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THEIR DECISION, WHICH READ IN PART, "WE ARE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH...LEADERS WHO SEEK TO END THE BIGOTRY AND DISCRIMINATION DIRECTED AGAINST GAY AND LESBIAN NEW YORKERS. WE HOPE OUR PARTICIPATING WILL HELP END THE TYPE OF IGNORANCE THAT BREEDS THIS MINDLESS PREJUDICE". THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDING GETS HUNDREDS OF REQUESTS EACH YEAR FOR SPECIAL LIGHTINGS, *Newsday* SAID. LAVENDER WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT IS THE TRADITIONAL COLOR OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN MOVEMENT.

WASHINGTON, D.C.----MARVIN LIEBMAN, A FOUNDER OF THE MODERN CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT, SAID HE DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE IS GAY BECAUSE HE SEES SIGNS THAT THE POLITICAL RIGHT IS BECOMING DANGEROUSLY BIGOTED. LIEBMAN, 66, REVEALED HIS HOMOSEXUALITY THIS MONTH IN THE PAGES OF WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY'S CONSERVATIVE *National Review* AND *The Advocate*, A LOS ANGELES BASED GAY MAGAZINE. IN AN INTERVIEW, LIEBMAN SAID THAT THE REVIEW WAS A LOGICAL PLACE BECAUSE ITS READERS ARE THE PEOPLE HE MUST WANTED TO REACH.

"THE PRIMARY IMPACT I WANTED TO HAVE IN THIS WHOLE COMING OUT WAS ON THE CONSERVATIVE COMMUNITY. JUST TO SORT OF ALERT THEM TO THE DANGERS OF HOMOPHOBIA AND ALL THAT COMES WITH IT," HE SAID. LIEBMAN ALSO GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO *The Advocate*, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD NEVER READ, IN THE HOPE HE COULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE LEADING SECRET GAY LIVES. "THE MAIN THING I WANT TO DO WITHIN THE GAY COMMUNITY IS TO HELP PEOPLE COME OUT--TO NOT GO THROUGH ALL I DID FOR 60 YRS. AND I JUST WANT TO LET THEM KNOW IT'S NOT THAT BAD. IT'S NOT ONLY NOT THAT BAD, IT'S GOOD. IT TAKES SUCH A LOAD OFF YOU, YOU JUST FEEL REALLY RELEASED."

LIEBMAN MADE HIS REVELATION IN A LETTER TO BUCKLEY WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS HIS BEST FRIEND. "WHY HAVE I CHOSEN THIS MOMENT TO GO PUBLIC WITH THAT PART OF MY LIFE THAT HAD BEEN SO PRIVATE FOR ALL THESE YEARS?" HE WROTE IN THE JULY 9 ISSUE. "BECAUSE I FEAR THAT OUR CAUSE MIGHT SINK BACK INTO THE OOZE IN WHICH SO MUCH OF IT RESTED (IN THE DAYS BEFORE BUCKLEY'S PUBLICATION). IN THAT DARK AGE, THE AMERICAN RIGHT WAS HEAVILY, PERHAPS DOMINANTLY, MADE UP OF BIGOTS."

The Associated Press

ATLANTA, GA.----THE SECOND LAVENDER LAW CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD OCT. 6&7, 1990, SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY LAW ASSOCIATION. THIS GATHERING OF LESBIAN AND GAY ATTORNEYS, LEGAL WORKERS, LAW STUDENTS AND ACTIVISTS WILL FEATURE A SPECIAL FOCUS ON SODOMY LAWS IN THE SOUTHEAST. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED IS AN ALL-DAY INSTITUTE ON SODOMY LAWS ON MONDAY, OCT. 8TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ABBY RUBENFELD AT 615-269-6778. AS WELL AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE CONFERENCE, ABBY IS ALSO ON THE NGLTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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ON ANOTHER FRONT, THE GLAAD CHAPTER IN SACRAMENTO, CA., IS COMPILING EXAMPLES OF THE MEDIA'S USE OF THE TERM "INNOCENT VICTIMS" IN REFERENCE TO AIDS, IN PREPARATION FOR AN EDUCATIONAL EFFORT AIMED AT ERADICATING ITS USE. "THE INTENT TO DESCRIBE CERTAIN PEOPLE WITH AIDS AS INNOCENT--METEOROLOGICALS AND CHILDREN--IMPLIES THAT OTHER VICTIMS ARE GUILTY, AND LESS WORTHY OF COMPASSION AND MEDICAL ATTENTION." ALSO ON THE DRAWING BOARD IS AN EFFORT TO GET THE MEDIA TO USE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" INSTEAD OF "SEXUAL PREFERENCE", BECAUSE THE FORMER TERM ACCURATELY REFLECTS THAT BEING GAY IS AN INTRINSIC PART OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S MAKE-UP, WITH LITTLE OR NO ELEMENT OF CHOICE INVOLVED.

Religion

Reform Judaism approves gays to be rabbis

Seattle, WA (AP) - Reform Judaism, the most liberal of the religion's three main branches, broke with 4,000 years of Jewish tradition and voted to accept gay and lesbian rabbis. But it stopped short of endorsing homosexual unions.

The decision Monday by the 1,550-member Central Conference of American Rabbis makes Reform Judaism the biggest religious group to officially recognize homosexual clergy. The decision applies in the United States and Canada.

Participants said Reform Judaism already has rabbis who are homosexual and that the vote merely recognizes reality.

"It's a breakthrough for our Reform movement," said Rabbi Yoel Kahn of Sha'ar Zahav in San Francisco, a primarily homosexual congregation.

"It is certainly a breakthrough for gay and lesbian Jews and I think it's an important step for religious liberalism in this country."

There are about 1.5 million Reform Jews worldwide, including about 1.3 million in the United States.

The voice vote came after 45 minutes of debate at the conference's 101st annual convention, attended by about 500 rabbis. A 17-member committee studied the issue four years before issuing a report endorsing gay and lesbian rabbis.

Jewish law, embodied in the Torah and other texts, condemns homosexuality as an abomination.

But "out of concern for human dignity one is permitted to violate the prohibitions of Torah," said Rabbi Samuel Karff of Houston, conference president and a member of the committee.

The committee's minority inserted a statement affirming that homosexual unions can fulfill a Jew's religious duty to create a traditional Jewish home. But the report states that heterosexual marriage remains the Jewish ideal.

In Reform Judaism, many Jews do not observe traditional dietary laws or cover their heads in prayer. These among key differences with Conservative and Orthodox Jews.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which represents Reform Jewish congregations, overwhelmingly endorsed homosexual rabbis last fall.

In 1972, Reform Judaism became the first major branch to ordain women rabbis.

Some Reform rabbis said they will push for greater acceptance of homosexuality in their congregations. More traditional rabbis said Reform Judaism has gone far enough and they are not comfortable endorsing gay role models.

"I am not here to state that homosexuality is a sin ... but that there are individuals who are not appropriate as rabbis," said Rabbi Philip Bregman of Temple Shalom in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"It's a first step. ... I'm hoping we'll be able to do more education to build a foundation of more support and education about gay and lesbian Jews and

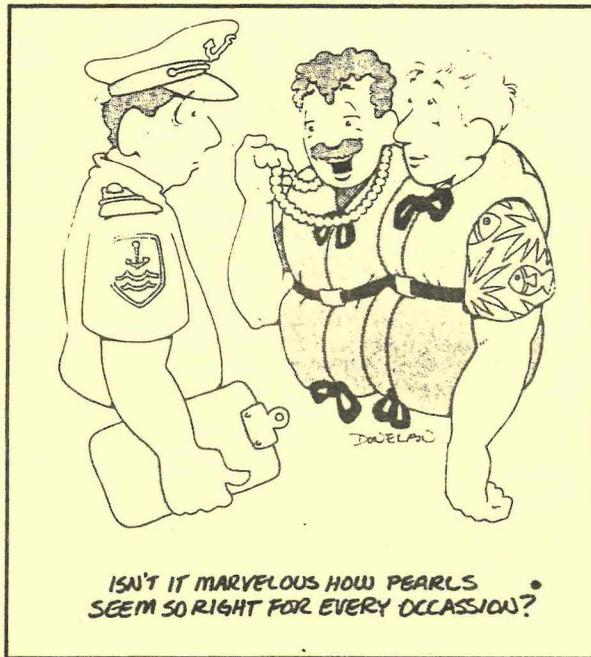
rabbis," said Rabbi Denise Eger, lesbian leader of Beth Chayim Chadashim, a primarily homosexual congregation in Los Angeles.

In its report, the conference recognized that many congregations might find themselves unable to accept gay or lesbian rabbis. The conference helps place rabbis in congregations, but congregations can dismiss them.

"We do not encourage our gay and lesbian colleagues to come out of the closet because we cannot protect them," Karff said.

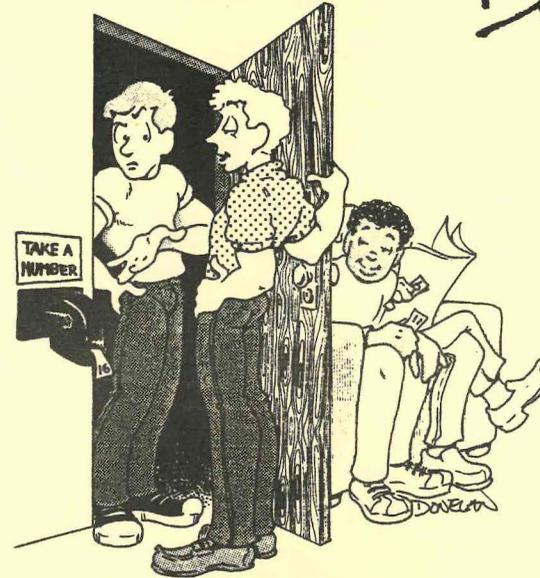
The Conservative Jewish movement has had women rabbis since 1985 but does not openly accept homosexual rabbis. Orthodox Judaism opposes ordination of women or homosexuals as forbidden by Jewish law.

Judaism's smaller Reconstructionist movement and the Unitarian Universalist church openly accept homosexual clergy.



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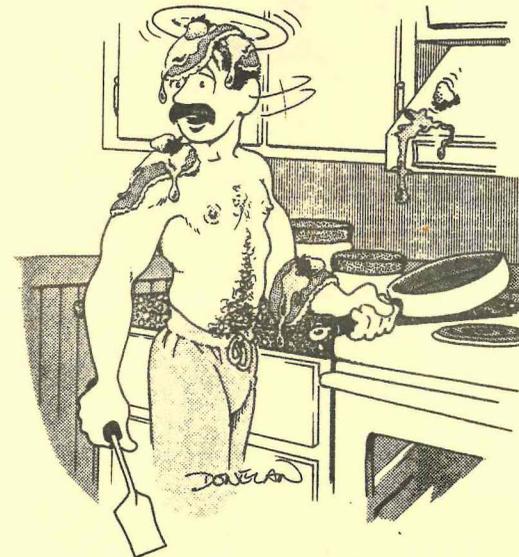
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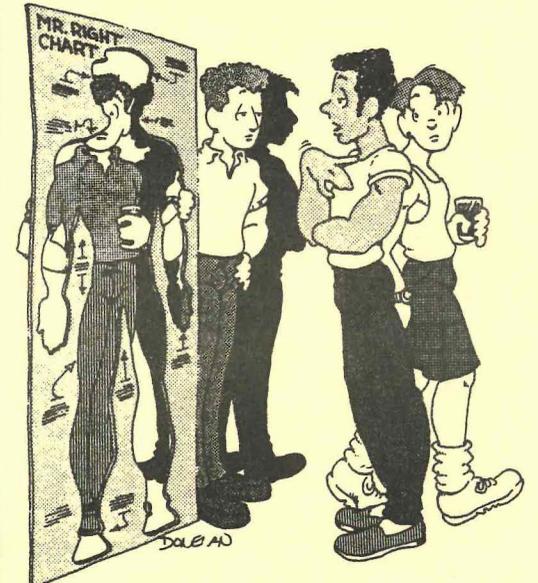
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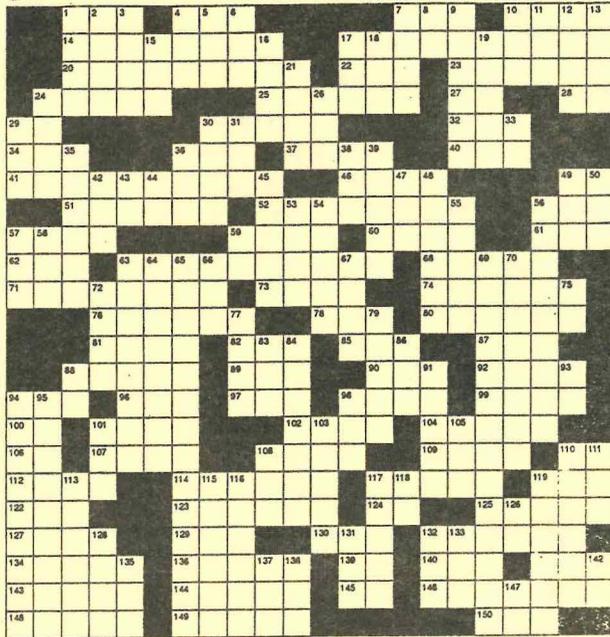
- 1. African tribe
- 4. Soldier's gear
- 7. Hill
- 10. Root food
- 14. Irritating
- 17. Drugs, gambling and sex?
- 20. Kept boys
- 22. Belief system
- 23. Gay man gangster style
- 24. Pythias' friend
- 25. Vessels
- 27. Lofly abb.
- 28. Act
- 29. Fe, Fum and Fo's partner
- 30. Very dry
- 32. Finger count
- 34. Shriner's hat
- 36. Great pleasure
- 37. Circuits
- 40. Sp. Lady's honorific
- 41. e.g. Bill of Rights
- 46. Capt. _____
- 49. Location prep.
- 51. Newly out gay man
- 52. All American gay man
- 56. Plus Magnon, a cave-man
- 57. Money
- 59. e.g. the sun
- 60. Sissy squeals?
- 61. Top man
- 62. Brazilian river
- 63. Gay _____
- 68. Name for a gay male chemist?
- 71. Sapphic?
- 73. Hebrew letter
- 74. Visual leftovers
- 76. Loves
- 78. Nav. rank
- 80. Traps
- 81. Club or paw
- 82. Singular
- 85. Bran type
- 87. Butt of a joke
- 88. Down-under tribe
- 89. Cavern
- 90. Broadway drama with gay theme
- 92. Legendary
- 94. Prosecute
- 96. Off. greeting
- 97. Numerical pref.
- 98. Purple _____
- 99. Enthusiasm

Down

- 100. Third male person
- 101. A fruit or bird
- 102. Family
- 104. Innocent
- 106. A rose _____
- 107. European Capital
- 108. Punk's forerunner
- 109. Found with mean
- 110. State or parent
- 112. A type of party
- 114. Stereotypic work places for beauty
- 117. Odd
- 119. Word for the dominant
- 122. Industrial abb.
- 123. Low ones on the totempole
- 124. International org.
- 125. Witless chicken
- 127. 61a is this
- 129. Military abb.
- 130. Contains metal
- 132. Agreeable
- 134. Lattice
- 136. Greek king revolving in Hell
- 139. Cummings
- 140. Outdated abb.
- 141. Lat. Am. Country
- 143. Copies abb.
- 144. Greek mother
- 145. U.S. State
- 146. D.C. gay strip
- 148. Tumors suffix
- 149. India pot
- 150. Big _____

Down

- 1. S.A. Emperor of old
- 2. _____ me up
- 3. Military dog
- 4. Airline abb.
- 5. Three
- 6. Nitro
- 7. Scott's hats
- 8. Meditative word
- 9. Gay _____
- 10. Metal



- 11. Medical Society
- 12. Swamp plant
- 13. European capital
- 15. Black and _____
- 16. Toothed wheel
- 17. Ger. with
- 18. It _____ girl!
- 19. Collective selector
- 21. Dirty
- 24. Part of daily phrase
- 26. Broadcast co.
- 29. Agr. org.
- 30. Cynic
- 31. Telephone abb.
- 33. With 93d makes salt
- 35. Referees in slang
- 36. Dry
- 38. Euphemism for lover?
- 39. High drag
- 42. Gun club
- 43. Act
- 44. U.S. State
- 45. Meat on a stick
- 47. Prison top
- 48. Mobile leather queens?
- 49. Circle segment
- 50. Appendage
- 53. Gay man
- 54. Gay _____
- 55. Ger. city
- 56. Fleshy stone
- 57. Diamond _____
- 58. Diamonds
- 59. Spanish gent.
- 63. City and state
- 64. _____ right
- 65. For 20's gays, April in Paris
- 66. National pop. suffix
- 67. Cry of dismay
- 69. Gay men a'la M.Z. Bradley
- 70. Continental
- 72. So. State nickname
- 75. WWII org.
- 77. Residue
- 79. America or gays to some
- 83. Negative conjunction
- 84. Bisexual
- 86. Three pref.
- 88. Possessive
- 91. Gay man or relative
- 93. With 33d makes salt
- 94. _____ moment(song)
- 95. The wicked's cry, "No _____"
- 98. Tattle
- 101. Russian org.
- 103. Found in denim bar?
- 105. R.E. _____
- 108. Short for Robert
- 110. Gay man
- 111. Large vesicle
- 113. Painful condition
- 115. If you have this, you can't do this
- 116. "My name is _____"
- 117. Gay man
- 118. International org.
- 119. Gay man or lesbian for Helms
- 126. U.S. State
- 128. Diminutive ending
- 131. Soak flax
- 132. A daddy
- 133. Weighty abb.
- 135. Fem. suffix
- 137. Speech part abb.
- 138. Gov. org. under homophobic attack
- 142. U.S. State
- 147. Element

Lesbians and Gays celebrate nationwide

More than 500,000 people took to the streets from California to New York in gay pride celebrations that mixed solemn protests over AIDS with car-vorting by lesbian bikers and men in mermaid costumes.

"Some people say, 'My God, it's faggots and queers,'" Debbie Holmes, a parade coordinator in Houston, said Sunday. "What they don't see is we are mothers and brothers and their next-door neighbors. We're not monsters."

Marches, rallies and parades were held in 25 cities nationwide. The largest crowds gathered for parades in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"It's the one time of the year that we really show our strength and our unity and our solidarity. We celebrate our pride. We let the world know that we're not going to go back in the closet," said Bill Anderson, a spokesman for the 21st annual parade in New York that drew about 200,000 people.

In Chicago, where Mayor Richard M. Daley led the city's 21st annual parade, police said about 100,000 people marched or lined the two-mile route to Lincoln Park.

A rally drew thousands of people in Miami. "I think it's very important that the gay community stick together and recognize they are 10 percent of the vote and we exercise our political clout," participant John O'Rielly said.

About 20,000 people marched through downtown Toronto to mark Gay Pride Day. Floats included an all-male wedding party with bridesmaids dressed in pink.

In West Hollywood, Calif., dancing men in mermaid outfits marched with AIDS activists before a crowd of about 250,000. Some marchers lay on the pavement while people outlined their bodies in chalk to symbolize the death toll from AIDS.

Some marchers in Seattle dropped to the ground every few blocks to dramatize AIDS deaths. An organizer estimated turnout at 25,000.

"We're your sons. We're your daughters ... we're your taxpayers," said rally organizer Jeffrey Swanson. "We just want those basic rights and freedoms the rest of the country enjoys."

In Atlanta, the 19th annual Gay Pride Parade drew about 5,000 partici-

pants, with marchers in T-shirts and shorts carrying signs such as, "Closets are for clothes. Be proud."

Hartford, Conn., held its 10th annual Gay-Lesbian Pride Festival on Saturday with about 600 people rallying at the state Capitol before a food and music festival at a nearby park.

In Tampa, Fla., about 1,500 people joined a Gay Pride march. "So many of us have to be afraid: for our jobs, for our homes," said Steve James of the Tampa Bay Business Guild, a gay and lesbian chamber of commerce.

Hawaii's first Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade rolled Saturday through Honolulu's Waikiki district, with about 500 festive participants attracting curious glances from the hordes of tourists.

There also were marches in Kansas City, Montpelier, Vt., and Denver, where about 5,000 people marched on the state Capitol and Gov. Roy Romer told them he would try to find more tax dollars to help AIDS patients.

Sponsors said there were gay pride events in 25 cities nationwide, but the biggest celebrations were in San Francisco and New York City.

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Terrorist organization targets gays in Seattle and New York

Two "Aryan Nation" white-supremacists were arrested in Seattle, WA on May 12 by FBI agents, thwarting an attempt by the ultra-right wing radicals to plant a home-made bomb in a popular gay bar. A three month investigation of the terrorist group culminated in the arrests of Robert Winslow, 29, and Stephen Nelson, 35, both of Hayden Lake, Idaho. The plot was discovered by the FBI using telephone surveillance of their headquarters in Hayden Lake, Idaho.

According to an affidavit filed by FBI special agent Thomas Trier, the two men were en route to the Seattle bar Neighbor's Disco to place explosive charges inside the bar and detonate them in such a manner as to insure maximum death and injury. FBI agents also confiscated a six-inch section of galvanized steel pipe, two end caps and one pound of smokeless gun powder.

During the phone taps, agents also discovered the group's plan to bomb other minority bars, a Jewish synagogue and several Korean businesses. No explanation was given as to the reason why the predominantly gay disco was to be the first target.

In a related story a popular New York city gay bar, Uncle Charlie's, was the scene of a recent bombing. Two bar patrons and one employee was injured after a home-made bomb exploded in a trash can early Saturday morning, April 28th.

Although police investigators claimed that the bomb blast was not bias-related, Mayor David Dinkins initially contradicted the police department's investigation, then shifted into general agreement.

Spokesperson for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD), Stephen Miller, said

the bomb appears to be an act of terror against the entire gay community...given that Uncle Charlie's is probably the most popular gay bar in New York, and someone put a bomb in a trash can...it appears to us to be a bias incident. They [the city] would have to prove to us that it's not bias..."

The police characterization of the bombing sparked a demonstration of over 300 people from the bar to the neighborhood's police precinct to protest what the marchers claimed was an inadequate investigation. ▼

Methodist Pastor removed from church for public support of gays

The Reverend Jimmy Creech, who received wide publicity for his participation in a 1988 Gay Pride Parade in Raleigh, North Carolina, is now a pastor without a church.

Rev. Creech gave his final sermon on June 24 at Raleigh's Fairmont United Methodist Church. He had requested reassignment by his denomination after facing petitions demanding his removal. Since his appearance in the parade, Fairmont's donations had dropped and about 20 members had quit.

He was reassigned as pastor of two rural churches in Vance County, but was rejected by both church congregations. Rev. Creech said, "The two churches had second thoughts about it and asked that I not be appointed. My future is uncertain." ▼



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HARVEY GANTT, RUNNING FOR THE US SENATE IN NORTH CAROLINA, HAD AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY IN THE RUN-OFF. HIS CAMPAIGN IS NOW FOCUSING ON THE NOVEMBER ELECTION AGAINST JESSE HELMS. THEY HAVE MOVED DOWNSTAIRS TO A NEW AND BIGGER HEADQUARTERS:
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I ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT HARVEY IN HIS RUN AGAINST HOMOPHOBIC AND AIDS-PHOBIC JESSE HELMS.

Mark Krueger

What's New

GOODBYE! TO BILLY LORD, ACTIVE IN THE FORT STEWART PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE AND IN CITY LIGHTS THEATRE, WHO IS LEAVING TO BECOME THEATRE DIRECTOR AT AN ARMY BASE IN GERMANY. HELL-O! TO JULIA AND GAY, WHO HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED TO OUR COMMUNITY AFTER SEVERAL YEARS IN OTHER PLACES. WELCOME BACK!

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Holy Cow!

A NEW CREDIT CARD THAT HELPS BENEFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR LESBIANS AND GAYS HAS ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF LETTERS OF PROTEST.

THE TURQUOISE MASTERCARD, CALLED THE PRIDE CARD, WILL BENEFIT THE SEATTLE-BASED PRIDE FOUNDATION. THE ORGANIZATION FINANCES PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT GAYS AND LESBIANS, WITH ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF IT'S MONEY GOING TO PROGRAMS CONCERNED WITH AIDS.

SEAFIRST BANK, A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK AMERICA CORP., SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE FOUNDATION TO OFFER THE CARD. BANK OFFICIALS SAY THE CARD, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH

SEAFIRST IN WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND ALASKA, IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST IN THE NATION ISSUED TO A GAY AFFINITY GROUP.

SOME CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN GROUPS DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF THE PRIDE CARD, SAYING SEAFIRST APPEARED TO BE SUPPORTING HOMOSEXUALITY BY ISSUING THE CARD.

NOT SO SAID SEAFIRST SPOKESWOMAN BETTY LATTIE.

BECAUSE THE CARD HELPS PAY FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CAUSES, "WE BELIEVE IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S WORTHWHILE DOING," LATTIE SAID. THE BANK HAS SUPPORTED OTHER AIDS-RELATED CAUSES, INCLUDING HOUSING FOR PWAs "BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS A DEVASTATING DISEASE AND THERE'S A HUGE DEMAND FOR MONEY," SHE SAID.

THE PRIDE FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1985 AND LAST YEAR DISTRIBUTED \$96,000 TO 13 GAY GROUPS, SAID EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOLLY STEUSSY-BAKER. SHE SAID THE GROUP EXPECTS TO RECEIVE BETWEEN \$20,000 AND \$60,000 A YEAR FROM THE CARD PROCEEDS.

STONWALL RIOTS BY ANDREA NATALIE



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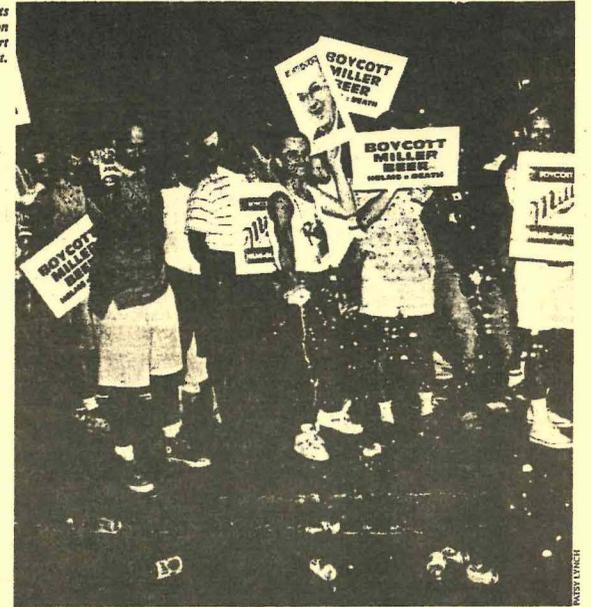
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★ EXTRA ★

Washington, D.C., activists poured Miller beer on the street as a part of a July 26 protest.

JOHN THOMAS SAYS A BOYCOTT OF MILLER BEER AND MARLBORO CIGARETTES IS A PERFECT WAY TO THWART THE REELECTION OF CONSERVATIVE SEN JESSE HELMS (R-NC) BECAUSE HELMS'S MOST ARDENT SUPPORTERS CAN'T BLOCK IT. "FUNDAMENTALIST MINISTERS ARE NOT LIKELY TO TELL THEIR FLOCKS TO GO OUT AND BUY SOME BEER AND CIGARETTES TO SUPPORT JESSE HELMS," SAID THOMAS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE. THERE IS A GROWING NATIONAL BOYCOTT OF ALL PRODUCTS OF THE PHILLIP MORRIS COMPANY WHICH OWNS BOTH THE MILLER BREWING CO., AND MARLBORO BECAUSE OF DONATIONS TO HELMS'S REELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND ACTIVISTS STAGED MASS DUMPINGS OF MILLER BEER IN SEVERAL CITIES. IN DALLAS, THE OWNERS OF 23 GAY BARS TOLD MILLER OFFICIALS THEY WOULD HONOR THE BOYCOTT, AND IMMEDIATELY CUT OFF THEIR WEEKLY PURCHASES WHICH TOTAL BETWEEN 1,000 AND 1,200 CASES. THE CITY'S MILLER DISTRIBUTOR STANDS TO LOOSE BETWEEN \$35,000 AND \$50,000 IN ORDERS EACH WEEK IN DALLAS. HE ESTIMATED THAT A SUCCESSFUL BOYCOTT COULD COST MILLER \$2 MILLION IN SALES OVER A YEAR'S TIME IN DALLAS ALONE.

A NEW ROOMMATE SERVICE CLAIMING TO BE "COMPUTERIZED COMPATIBLE ROOMMATE MATCHING WITH THE HUMAN TOUCH" IS OFFERING ITS SERVICES TO THE GAY COMMUNITY. CALLING ITSELF ROOMIES, IT BOASTS A NATIONWIDE ROOMMATE SERVICES IN ALL MAJOR CITIES, ALL MAJOR STATES, EXCEPT ALASKA, HAWAII AND NEW YORK. "LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE? ALREADY HAVE A PLACE? WE'LL MATCH YOU WITH A ROOMMATE! WE MATCH NON-SMOKERS WITH NON-SMOKERS; SMOKERS WITH SMOKERS; THE CLEAN WITH THE CLEAN. WE MATCH PEOPLE WHO HAVE FURNITURE WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T. WE MATCH ONLY WITH GAY LIFESTYLES (BUT WE'RE NOT A DATING SERVICE). CALL 1-800-272-8372 FOR FIRST TIME CALLERS, 408-335-5686 OTHER CALLS, NOON TO 4PM.



Marlboro Boycott Lights Up, but Cigarette Maker Feels No Heat

Organizers of a gay boycott of Marlboro cigarettes say the boycott is catching fire as gay bars across the country remove Marlboros from their vending machines.

However, a representative of Philip Morris Companies Inc. said the company has seen no impact on sales and has no intention of complying with the boycotters' demand that it stop making political contributions to Sen. Jesse Helms.

Boycott organizer Les Bush said gay bars and businesses in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Dallas, and Seattle have agreed to stop selling Marlboros. In addition, more than 20 local chapters of the direct-action group AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power have plastered their cities with posters labeling Helms the "real Marlboro Man." The posters assert that "buying Marlboro

promotes ignorance about AIDS."

Philip Morris spokeswoman Posie Dicesa said her firm's support for Helms's reelection is part of a "business relationship." He has been a strong backer of our company, our industry, and of North Carolina, where we have 4,000 people employed." She also noted that Philip Morris has made and will continue to make "very significant contributions to AIDS programs."

But Bush said the "hundreds of thousands of dollars that Philip Morris has given Helms counteracts" the company's contributions to AIDS causes. Bush said the leaders of the boycott will not consider ending the action unless Philip Morris stops the contributions and apologizes to gays for them.

THE ADVOCATE

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THE FIRST GROUP OF STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN THE NEW PACIFIC ACADEMY (NPA), A TRAINING PROGRAM IN GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM, COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES JULY 14 IN SAN FRANCISCO. ALL BUT 6 OF THE 100 STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED IN THE MONTH-LONG PROGRAM COMPLETED IT.

NewsBriefs

"GAYS OF THE WORLD UNITE" SAYS THE MASTHEAD OF *Gay Pravda*, A NEWSPAPER WHICH WENT TO PRESS IN THE NETHERLANDS THIS WEEK FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE FREE, 8 PAGE RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION CONTAINS NEWS ON GAY MOVEMENTS IN THE NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE, AND ADVICE ON HOW TO GUARD AGAINST AIDS BY USING A CONDOM, SAID HENK KROL OF HOLLAND'S *Gay Krant* NEWSPAPER. *Gay Pravda*, WHICH LOOKS SIMILAR TO THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER *Pravda*, IS BEING PUBLISHED JOINTLY BY *Gay Krant* AND THE FRENCH PUBLICATION *Gai Pied*.

IN DELAWARE, AIDES TO GOV. MICHAEL CASTLE ORDERED THAT A STATE-FUNDED AIDS-EDUCATION BILLBOARD BE REDESIGNED BECAUSE IT DEPICTED A PACKAGE OF CONDOMS, AFTER HAVING PERVIOUSLY APPROVED THE DESIGN. THE BILLBOARD TARGETED BEACHGOERS AND WOULD HAVE CARRIED THE SLOGAN PROTECT YOUR EYES NEXT TO A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES, PROTECT YOUR SKIN NEXT TO A BOTTLE OF SUNSCREEN, AND PROTECT YOUR LIFE NEXT TO A SQUARE PACKAGE LABELED CONDOMS. "A GIANT CONDOM ON A BILLBOARD COULD... SENSATIONALIZE AND TRIVIALIZE AN IMPORTANT ISSUE," SAID CASTLE'S CHIEF OF STAFF.

THE ST. LOUIS, MO., CHAPTER OF P-FLAG (PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS) HAS BEEN DENIED PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE'S ANTI-LITTER ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM BECAUSE THEIR NAME "HAD TOO MANY CONNOTATIONS" ACCORDING TO THE *St. Louis Lesbian and Gay News Telegraph*. P-FLAG HAD APPLIED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM AND INITIALLY WAS ACCEPTED UNTIL THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION LEARNED OF THE GROUP'S NAME. A ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE TOLD P-FLAG MEMBER CONNIE SANDERS THE GROUP WAS "TOO CONTROVERSIAL". ACCORDING TO SANDERS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELIEVED THE INCLUSION OF THE WORDS LESBIAN AND GAY IN P-FLAG'S NAME MADE IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR A PUBLIC SIGN ON A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

See Jane.
See Spot.
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See Spot run.
See Jane play,
... but not with Dick.

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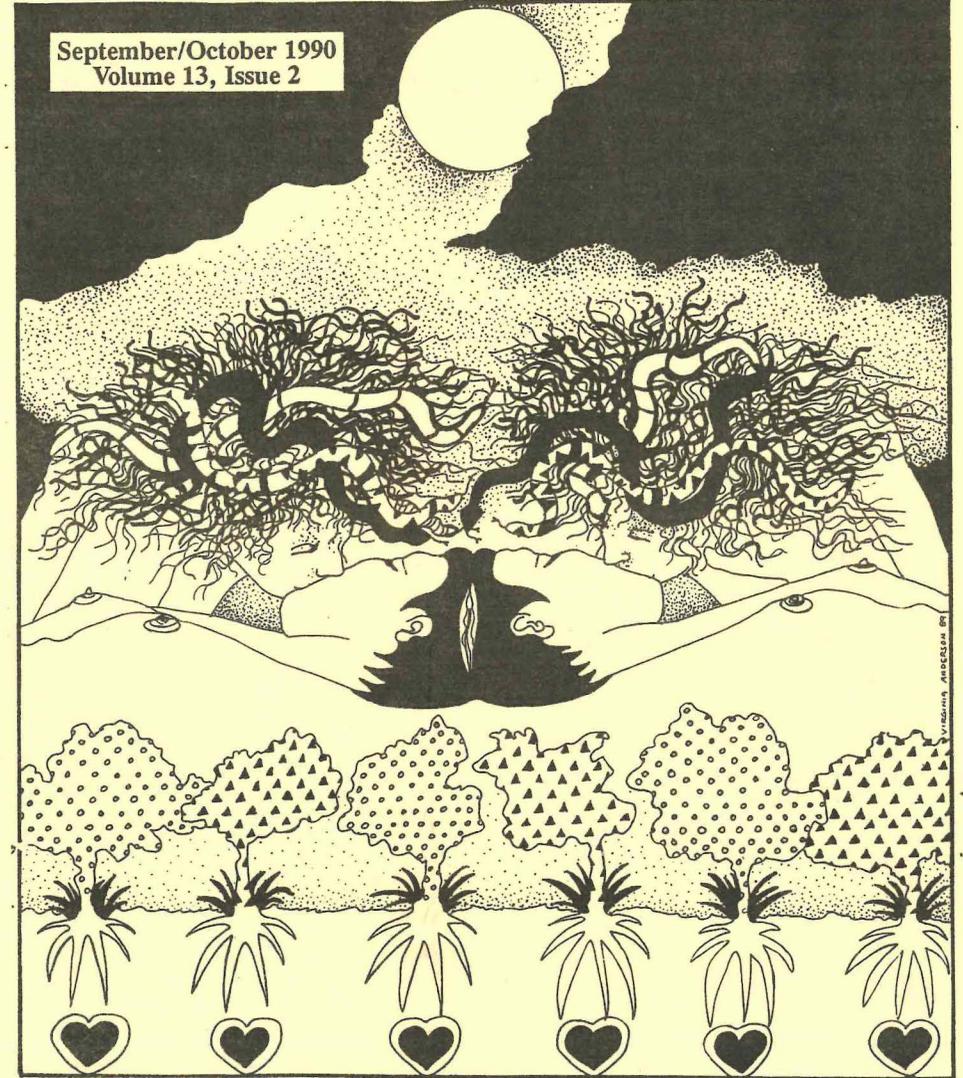
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LESBIAN CONNECTION

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THIS GORGEOUS COVER OF THE CURRENT ISSUE OF LESBIAN CONNECTION IS REPRODUCED FROM A WORK BY GINGER ANDERSON, A GRADUATE OF SCAD AND LOCAL LESBIAN OF SOME RENOWN AND CONSIDERABLE TALENT. NOT TO MENTION AN ALL-ROUND GOOD WOMAN. CAN FCN HOST YOUR NEXT SHOW?

A Very Local Point of View

LAST MONTH'S BALTIMORE GAYPAPER INCLUDED COLUMN BY YVONNE ZIPTER TITLED "WHY LESBIANS ARE LATE" WHICH IMMEDIATELY CAUGHT MY EYE--NOT TO MENTION HELD IT-- BECAUSE I THOUGHT, "AH! HA! AT LAST SOMEONE IS GOING TO DECIPHER WHY I CAN NEVER GET ANYWHERE ON TIME!". FOR YEARS, I ATTRIBUTED MY LATENESS TO A FORMER LOVER, BUT AS MEMORY FADES, I'M NOT SO SURE... CONVERSELY FROM ZIPTER-THE-IRLBY-BIRD WHO CANNOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO BE ON TIME LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, I, HAVING BEEN IMMATURE AT BIRTH, HAVE NOT BEEN SINCE. I REALLY THOUGHT LESBIAN STANDARD TIME WAS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FLOATING TIME ZONE, COVERING WHEREVER LESBIANS CHOSE TO MEET, NOT JUST A SNIDE JOKE BY PEOPLE WHO ARE ALWAYS ALREADY THERE WHEN I ARRIVE. IN HER COLUMN, ZIPTER IDENTIFIED TEN REASONS LESBIANS ARE ALWAYS LATE. AMONG THE REASONS I HAVE KNOWN (AND I'M OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN A LOT), THE TOP TEN REASONS OR LATENESS OTHER THAN THAT GENETICALLY LINKED TO LESBIANISM ITSELF, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THEY WERE MAKING LOVE THIS ONE'S UNIVERSAL, OF COURSE. IT'S THE REASON MOST OTHERS THINK WE'RE QUEER ANYWAY! YES, WE LIKE TO DO IT. MOST ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S "NEW LOVE". THOSE NEWLY IN LOVE OR JUST NEWLY INTIMATE, NO MATTER HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN DATING, ARE ALWAYS THE LAST TO ARRIVE AT ANY GATHERING, IF THEY MAKE IT AT ALL. SOMETIMES THEY'RE FOUND OUTSIDE IN THE CAR WITH THE WINDOWS FOGGED UP, HAVING GOTTEN THERE BUT NEVER MAKING IT INSIDE. EVEN ANGLES OR OLDTIMERS ARE OFTEN LATE FOR THIS VERY REASON. JUST THE THOUGHT OF SEEING OTHER LESBIANS MUST BE A TURN-ON.

2. THEY WERE FIGHTING UNIVERSAL, TOO. FIRST THE THOUGHT OF SEEING OTHER LESBIANS CAN ALSO PUSH OUR WORST BUTTONS --- "ALL BLOUSES TAKE TWO STEPS FORWARD, PLEASE". NOT TO MENTION THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF FIGHTING ABOUT THE OTHER NINE THINGS ON THIS LIST. LIKE WHO'S CAR ARE WE TAKING, WHY THE HELL IS SHE ALWAYS EVERYWHERE WE GO, WHO'S THE DESIGNATED DRIVER, CAN I WEAR YOUR NEW JEANS? FOR THOSE NOT "WITH" SOMEONE, THERE ARE ALWAYS ROOMMATES, MOTHERS, SIBLINGS, CO-WORKERS OR LANDLORDS TO FIGHT WITH, AND WE CAN KNOW THAT THE BEST TIME TO PICK A FIGHT IS 5 MINUTES BEFORE WE HAVE TO LEAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE BECAUSE THAT WAY IT WILL BE A SHORT (READ, NOT SO DAMAGING) FIGHT AND/OR ONE IN WHICH YOU JUST HAVE TIME TO GET IN YOUR LICKS, BUT NOT ENOUGH TIME TO HEAR THE RESPONSE BECAUSE, OF COURSE, YOU "HAVE TO GO OR YOU'LL BE LATE". SOMEHOW, THESE

FIGHTS ALWAYS ESCALATE AND TAKE MUCH LONGER THAN PLANNED.

3. THEY WERE MAKING LOVE AFTER FIGHTING SINCE #1 IS #1, AND #2 IS #2, THAT LEADS TO #3 A LOT.

4. THERE IS A CLOTHES PROBLEM IF IT ISN'T THE UNABLE-TO-FIND-ANYTHING-I'M-COMFORTABLE-IN BLUES, IT'S THE OLD WASHDAY BLUES (NOTHING CLEAN; OR IF YOU'RE REALLY COMPULSIVE, IRONED). LOOKING GOOD IS HALF OF GETTING THERE. THIS CAN HANG YOU UP FOR HOURS.

5. YOU'RE TOO MUCH THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY OR AS A FRIEND OF MINE PUT IT IN HER LADY-LIKE WAY, "ASSHOLE OVERLOADING". DOESN'T IT SEEM TO YOU THAT A LOT OF US COMMIT OURSELVES TO MORE THAN WE CAN POSSIBLY DO, GIVEN THE PACE WE USUALLY TAKE, WHETHER IT'S GOTTA'S, FUN TIME, ERRANDS, EATING OR WHATEVER? LIKE, WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYTHING. AND WE'RE SO OPEN TO ANYTHING ANYWAY. THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD IN THIS WORLD, AND IF WE DON'T HAVE IT ALL, WHO WILL, RIGHT? OR IF I DON'T BELONG TO MORE THAN 35 ORGANIZATIONS, WHAT GOOD AM I?

6. IT'S JUST DAMN HARD TO GET THERE GETTING THERE, IN AND OF ITSELF, CAUSES MUCH LATENESS, NO MATTER WHERE "THERE" IS. WHAT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL I TAKE; WALK, BIKE, CAR, HITCH, BUS, PLANE, BOAT, CAB, METRO, FRIENDS (TOGETHER, OR IN SEPARATE CARS?), ROLLERSKATES? AND EACH OF THESE CHOICES LEADS TO ENDLESS OTHER POINTS OF DEBATE WHICH TAKE UP PRECIOUS TIME, SUCH AS WHO DRIVES, WHAT'S THE QUICKEST ROUTE, DO WE HAVE THE CORRECT CHANGE, DO YOU HAVE ANY GAS OR CASH?

7. THE CURSED SHORTAGE OF NECESSARIES THE BATHROOM. MOST OF US HAVE THEM. MOST OF US HAVE ONLY ONE, EVEN IF WE'RE A HOUSEHOLD OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS. EUREKA! SUPPLY AND DEMAND DEMANDS THAT SOMEONE WILL BE LAST AND THEREFORE LATE, UNLESS YOU START PLANNING ALL THESE PREPARATIONS WAY AHEAD, AND GOD KNOWS WE AREN'T INTO THAT OR WE'D NEVER BE LATE IN THE FIRST PLACE! THE MIRROR IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST OFFENDER IN MANY HOUSEHOLDS. I CAN HEAR YOU NATURAL GALS SCOFFING AT THE MIRROR BIT, BUT I KNOW FOR A FACT IT TAKES AT LEAST 20 MINUTES IN FRONT OF A MIRROR MAKING SURE YOU DON'T LOOK MADE-UP TO LOOK SO DARN "NATURAL" WITHOUT BEING NON-DESCRIPT. THE SHOWER/TUB AND/OR LACK OF HOT WATER IS MAJOR MAJOR. MANY DYKES ARGUE THAT SHOWERING TOGETHER ALLEVIATES THIS CAUSE OF TARDINESS, BUT THEN SHOWERING TOGETHER OFTEN LEADS TO MAKING LOVE, SO THERE YOU ARE BACK AT SQUARE ONE.

8. MAKING SURE YOU GET THERE AT THE RIGHT TIME (ONLY APPLIES TO GROUP FUNCTIONS, NOT INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS) CALCULATING JUST WHEN THE RIGHT TIME MIGHT BE IS SO DIFFICULT AS TO BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE AND LEADS TO MUCH CONFUSION AND THEREFORE TAKES UP MUCH TIME. THE 'RIGHT TIME' IS A FUNCTION OF (A) YOUR STATE OF BEING (SINGLE, MARRIED, NEWLY DUMPED, NEWLY MARRIED, NEW IN TOWN), (B) WHO ELSE MIGHT BE THERE (EX'S, POTENTIALS, YOUR BOSS, THE-GIRL-YOU-HATE-MOST-IN-TOWN, KNOWN SLUTS YOU'VE NOT BEEN WITH), AND (C) WHETHER YOU WANT TO ARRIVE BEFORE THEM (PERCHANCE TO FIND THE BEST OR LEAST OBVIOUS SEAT IN THE HOUSE, STRIKE THE MOST IRRESISTIBLE POSE POSSIBLE, OR RUN OFF THE COMPETITION) OR AFTER THEM (TO MAKE THE GRANDEST ENTRANCE, BE SURE YOU'RE SEEN ARRIVING). 1. ALONE 2. WITH THAT HOT NUMBER OR APPEARING TO HAVE BEEN BLASE ABOUT BEING THERE OR TOO TOO IMPORTANTLY BUSY) AND (D) HOW LONG YOU PLAN TO STAY ("IF I'M ONLY GOING FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, SHOULD I GO EARLY, LATE, IN THE MIDDLE, EAT AND MISS THE ENTERTAINMENT, MISS THE DINNER BUT CATCH EVERYONE WITH A GOOD BUZZ?").

9. GETTING YOUR HEAD IN THE RIGHT PLACE OR GETTING WARMED UP, IN THE MOOD, IN THE SWING OF THINGS, PRIMED, PREPPED. THIS APPLIES MOSTLY TO PARTIES *per se* BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY. I HAVE FRIENDS WHO LIKE TO GET PRIMED FOR ANY SORT OF INTERACTION, SO A MERE TRIP TO THE GROCERY MIGHT CALL FOR JUST ONE COCTAIL OR A HIT OR TWO. CERTAIN THINGS LIKE A TRIP TO THE DENTIST OR A LONG-DISTANCE CALL TO MOM ALWAYS REQUIRE SOME PREP TIME. USUALLY, PRE-PARTYING CAUSES SUFFICIENT IMPAIRMENT AS TO GREATLY LESSEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A TIMELY ARRIVAL AT THE REAL PARTY. BESIDES CHEMICAL IMPAIRMENT AND FRIVOLITY, THE OTHER COMMON FORM OF PREPARING FOR AN EVENT IS NAPPING. OFTEN ONE DOESN'T WAKE UP. OFTEN NAPPING LEADS TO MAKING LOVE. OFTEN PRE-PARTYING LEADS TO MAKING LOVE. SEE WHY IT'S THE #1 CAUSE OF LESBIAN LATENESS? PRE-PARTYING OFTEN ALSO LEADS TO FIGHTING...#2, WHICH LEADS TO #3!!!

10. I HATE TO BE THE FIRST ONE THERE A UNIVERSAL, ALSO. I DON'T KNOW *anyone* WHO WANTS TO BE THE FIRST ONE THERE! OF COURSE, SOMEONE IS ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE THERE, EVEN IF THEY ARRIVE TWO HOURS LATE BUT BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE. HOWEVER, IT'S EXCUSABLE TO BE THE FIRST ONE THERE IF YOU YOURSELF ARE TERRIBLY LATE IN DOING SO. I DON'T KNOW WHY NO ONE WANTS TO BE FIRST (SAD LAMENT OF ALL VIRGINS), EXCEPT THAT IT MAY IMPLY EAGERNESS OR NO PLACE ELSE TO BE, BUT WHO WOULD WANT FIRST CRACK AT ALL THE FOOD?

Wilson

Your Help Wanted!

THE WEEKLY NEWS, FLORIDA'S GAY AND LESBIAN NEWSPAPER, IS LOOKING FOR AN ADVERTISING DIRECTOR. THIS PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEAD, DIRECT AND CONTINUE TRAINING OUR STAFF OF FOUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AD REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS HELP PROMOTE THE PAPER AND SELL ADS, TOO. THE POSITION REQUIRES DAY TO DAY SUPERVISION OF SALES STAFF, CALLING ON HOUSE ACCOUNTS, DEVELOPING YOUR OWN AD BASE, AND KEEPING UP WITH THE PAPERWORK THE JOB GENERATES. IT IS A COMPUTERIZED, DESK-TOP, HANDS-ON OPERATION WITH A SMALL OFFICE STAFF AND TWO MANAGERS TO WHICH YOU WOULD REPORT. YOU SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING SALES AND BE READY TO MOVE INTO A SUPERVISORY POSITION. SEND RESUME, SALARY HISTORY AND PRESENT SALARY REQUIREMENTS TO: THE WEEKLY NEWS 901 NE 79TH STREET MIAMI, FLA. 33138 ATTN: BILL WATSON OR CALL ANYTIME AT 1-800-940-4297, EXT 4135. EXCELLENT PAY AND AN INSURANCE PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND (HRCF) IS LOOKING FOR INTERNS FOR ITS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, DC. INTERNS WORK IN ALL PROGRAM AREAS INCLUDING FIELD, POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE, LESBIAN ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS. "THIS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE INTERESTED IN LESBIAN AND GAY ISSUES, OR JUST IN LEARNING HOW GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS WORK," SAID ERIC ROSENTHAL, WHO COORDINATES THE INTERN PROGRAM. INTERNS MUST WORK AT LEAST 20 HOURS PER WEEK FOR THREE MONTHS. EACH IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A STAFF MEMBER. INTERNS RECEIVE A STIPEND FROM THE CAMPAIGN FUND. PEOPLE WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR WHO ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR INTERNSHIPS SHOULD CONTACT ANNE THEISEN AT 202-628-4160. THE APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE A LETTER DISCUSSING WHY YOU WANT TO WORK AT THE CAMPAIGN FUND AND THE DATE YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO START, A RESUME AND A WRITING SAMPLE. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR INTERNSHIPS BEGINNING IN EARLY 1991 IS OCT. 15, 1990.

THE HRCF ALSO ANNOUNCED THEY ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER ORGANIZERS IN TARGETED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THESE ORGANIZERS KNOWN AS FIELD ASSOCIATES, HELP BUILD GRASSROOTS MAIL AND PRESSURE CONGRESS ON CIVIL RIGHTS FOR LESBIANS AND GAY AMERICANS, AIDS ISSUES, OTHER HEALTH ISSUES AND PRIVACY.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN BECOMING FIELD ASSOCIATES SHOULD CONTACT CATHY WOOLARD, SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FIELD COORDINATOR, AT 404-373-6330 OR WRITE THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE HRCF, PO BOX 375, DECATUR, GA. 30031-0375.

IN GEORGIA, THE HRCF NEEDS FIELD ASSOCIATES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF REPRESENTATIVES BEN JONES (ATLANTA) AND ROY ROWLAND (MACON).

LESBIAN AIDS UPDATE

There are 260 cases of lesbians and bisexual women with AIDS throughout the United States.

CASES

73
114
70
1
1
1

260

RACIAL DISTRIBUTION

White
African American
Latino
Asian
Native American
Unknown

WOMEN WITH WOMEN

95
7
6
3

111

BI-SEXUAL CONTACTS

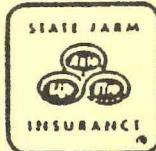
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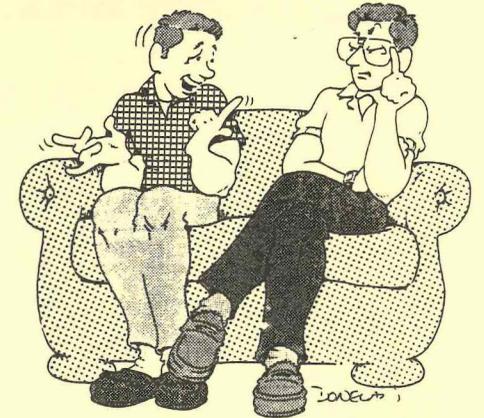
THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NEA), THE LARGEST TEACHERS'S UNION IN THE COUNTRY WITH OVER 2 MILLION MEMBERS, HAS ESTABLISHED A GAY AND LESBIAN CAUCUS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL MEMBERS OF THE NEA, AND TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF GAY STUDENTS, AS WELL AS TO ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF GAYS IN ALL AREAS OF SOCIETY.

AT ITS 1990 ANNUAL CONVENTION IN JULY IN KANSAS CITY, THE NEA PASSED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT EXPANDING NON-DISCRIMINATION LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE "SEXUAL ORIENTATION". WHILE MANY PERSONS HELD THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD LONG HAD A POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN MEMBERSHIP, OTHERS ARGUED FOR THE USE OF INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE. THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT WAS A DECISIVE 75% IN FAVOR.

"OUR GOAL IS TO INSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POSITIVE RESOLUTIONS THE NEA HAS ADOPTED IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION SHOWS READINESS TO ACT. MEMBERS MUST RETURN TO THEIR STATE AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH A CALL FOR POSITIVE INFORMATION ABOUT DIVERSITY OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION IN THE CURRICULUM, COUNSELING FOR GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENTS, AND PROTECTION AND PARTNER BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF WHO ARE LESBIAN AND GAY. NEA IS ON NOTICE TO EDUCATE STAFF AND MEMBERS TO MAKE THESE GREAT RESOLUTIONS A REALITY," SAID THE CO-CHAIR OF THE NEA GAY AND LESBIAN CAUCUS.

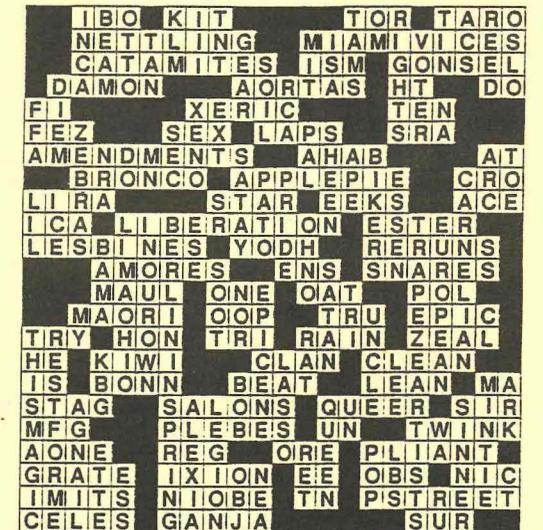
ALSO AT ITS CONVENTION IN BOSTON IN JULY, THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS CALLED ON UNIONS TO OBTAIN BANS ON ANTI-GAY DISCRIMINATION IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS. THE GROUP HAS 750,000 MEMBERS, MAKING IT THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST TEACHERS'S UNION AND THE SECOND LARGEST TEACHERS'S ORGANIZATION.

IT'S A GAY LIFE



THAT DEPENDS—JUST HOW DO YOU DEFINE UNFAITHFUL?

Puzzle # 4 Answers



A LAUGH A MINUTE!

Zsa Zsa Gabor wins the 1990 Award for Worst Supporting Actress in a Women's Prison Drama for "THINKING THAT ANY LESBIAN WOULD WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH A CALLOGEN-ENCRUSTED SEPTUGENARIAN OF DUBIOUS TALENT" SAYS THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. HER SIN IS DECLARING "AND BESIDES, THEY ARE ALL LESBIANS IN JAIL. CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING IN JAIL WITH ALL THOSE WOMEN?"

(source: The Gourmet Club)

Hundreds of choices. Zero commitments.

THE MAN PRESIDENT BUSH RUSHED INTO NOMINATION WITHIN DAYS OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM BRENNAN'S RESIGNATION IS ON RECORD IN AT LEAST TWO GAY-RELATED CASES.

IN THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE CASES, A 1985 APPEAL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BAN ON LESBIAN/GAY FOSTER PARENTING AND ADOPTION DAVID HACKETT SOUTER, 50, JOINED WITH HIS FELLOW JUDGES TO UPHOLD THE BAN. THE LAW IS STILL ON THE BOOKS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. BUT SOUTER, A RECENTLY APPOINTED FEDERAL APPEALS JUDGE, ALSO JOINED THE OTHER JUDGES ON THE STATE SUPREME COURT IN STRIKING DOWN THE LAW'S BAN ON GAYS WORKING WITH CHILDREN.

IN THE SECOND CASE, SOUTER AND THE REST OF THE JUDGES "VOTED THE RIGHT WAY" IN REJECTING A HOMOSEXUAL PANIC DEFENSE BY A DEFENDANT, ACCORDING TO EVAN WOLFSON OF THE LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND (LLDEF) IN NEW YORK.

WOLFSON SAID THAT LAMBDA IS CURRENTLY "SERIOUSLY CONCERNED" ABOUT SOUTER, AND IS STUDYING HIS RECORD CAREFULLY. AS FOR WHETHER LAMBDA WILL OFFICIALLY OPPOSE AND WORK AGAINST SOUTER'S NOMINATION, WOLFSON SAID, "WE WOULDN'T RULE IT OUT". BUT AT THIS TIME THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN NO STAND.

WOLFSON SAID THAT SOUTER IS "ON RECORD AS SAYING GAYS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY."

SAYING THAT A PARTICULAR GROUP IS ENTITLED TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY MEANS RECOGNIZING THAT IT HAS A HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATION, IMMUTABLE CHARACTERISTICS AND A RELATIVE LACK OF POLITICAL POWER, AND NEEDS "STRONG SPECIAL VIGILANCE BY THE COURT" WOLFSON SAID.

MANY COURTS HAVE FOUND THAT GAYS AND LESBIANS ARE ENTITLED TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY FOR THESE SAME REASONS. BUT IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE OPINION SOUTER CONCURRED THAT SEXUAL ORIENTATION WAS SHAPED ENVIRONMENTALLY; THEREFORE CHILDREN NEED TO BE PROTECTED.

HE APPLIED DISCREDITED AND OFFENSIVE DISCRIMINATION," WOLFSON SAID, NOTING THAT SOUTER DID NOT WRITE THE OPINION. BRENNAN, ON THE OTHER HAND, "SAID WE ARE ENTITLED TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY," WOLFSON SAID. "BRENNAN WAS THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY CHAMPION OF THE WHOLE DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE. HE HAD A WONDERFUL VISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AS A LIVING DOCUMENT WITH PRIMACY PLACED ON THE DIGNITY OF INDIVIDUALS."

IN MAKING THE NOMINATION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 23, BUSH INTENTIONALLY CHOSE A CANDIDATE OF WHICH LITTLE WAS KNOWN. THE PRESIDENT WAS PARTICULARLY

CAREFUL TO FIND A CANDIDATE WHO HAS SAID NOTHING ON ABORTION, BOUND TO BE A BURNING ISSUE IN DEBATES IN CONGRESS. BUSH WAS ASKED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE THE JUDGE STOOD ON ABORTION.

"LOOK, YOU ALL CAN KEEP TRYING ALL DAY LONG TO GET ME TO COMMENT ON ABORTION IN RELATION TO THIS NOMINATION," HE SAID, "AND PLEASE STOP TRYING BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO RESPOND IN THAT VEIN. IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO JUDGE SOUTER. IT WOULD BE UNTRUE BECAUSE I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE NOMINATION IN THAT MANNER." PROGRESSIVE AND WOMEN'S GROUPS WERE AS CAUTIOUS IN THEIR INITIAL REACTION TO SOUTER AS WAS LAMBDA.

"THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMUNITY KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT JUDGE SOUTER," SAID RALPH NEAS, DIRECTOR OF THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS. "WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE WE WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE HIS RECORD ON HIS JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY."

source: *The Gaypaper*

SONGS AND STORIES

LET ME LAY YOU DOWN AND SHOW YOU HOW VERY MUCH I LOVE YOU.
LET MY FINGERS TELL YOU THE STORIES,
AND MY TONGUE SING THE SONGS
OUR ANCESTORS WROTE YEARS AGO.
STORIES OF THE LOVE SHARED BY THE DAMNED AND THE CONDEMNED.
SONGS WITH THE HIDDEN MEANINGS HEARD BY THE ALERT
AND QUIETLY HUMMED IN THE DARK.
SONGS AND STORIES
NOW RECOGNIZED AS CLASSICS,
THEIR AUTHORS - MEN AND WOMEN OF GREAT GENIUS WHO DIED
CARRYING THEIR GUILT AND SHAME TO THE GRAVE.
THE STORIES HAVE LIBERATED US,
FREED US FROM DAMNATION AND RIDICULE.
THE SONGS HAVE ENLIGHTENED US,
SHOW US A BEAUTY,
A KIND OF LOVE WE MUST NOT BE DENIED.
SO, LET ME LAY YOU DOWN,

LET ME LOVE YOU FOR ALL THOSE FORCED INTO OBSCURITY,
FORCED TO GIVE UP ALL HOPE OF LOVE.
LET ME TELL YOU THEIR STORIES
AND SING YOU THEIR SONGS,
THEN I WILL HAVE LIVED THEIR DREAMS.

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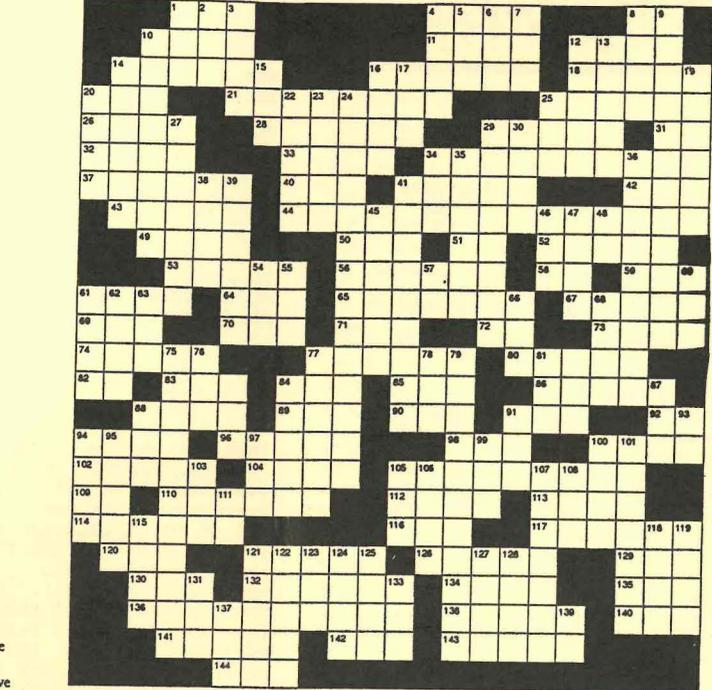
(source: *The Gourmet Club*)

The News Crossword Puzzle # 5

Across

- Asian people
- Only
- Old Easter Seal disease
- Asian dress
- Bird
- What a drag queen wants to be
- A heavenly host
- Delicacy with garlic butter
- Circle
- Aggressive prison top
- Highest in 14a.
- Surfit
- Billy
- One of 14a., usually pictured as children
- Journal
- Timely abb.
- Club or deer
- ____ Terra Pax
- ____ rise
- Heavenly ice?
- Woman's name
- Sarcastic
- Age
- "Let me tell you a thing ____"
- Fundamental dichotomy
- Brought a civil tort against
- Action suffix
- Semi-gay
- Jerk
- Signs
- Levi Queen's dream
- Metro transportation
- ____ Bravo
- Those into 72 A would love this abode
- 1002
- What a hungry hotdogger might have done
- Used to flavor booze
- A boiled grain in France
- Currency or desire
- Dominated
- Painful pleasure seeking
- Domed tent
- Best
- One from another class of A 14
- An Errol
- Shoe size
- Dare
- Soldier's pack
- Grain
- Investments
- Containing nates
- Ornamental fish
- Be in debt
- School initials
- Visitor from afar
- False
- Old-time turn on
- White ____
- Cheers
- The ____ mightier
- Bee
- Virago or Dyke
- Ancient City
- Shown in MOMA
- Once as common as Bubba
- Bot. prefix
- Argue
- Able
- Virago or Dyke

- Drunk
- From another order of 14 A
- Little
- Chem. suffix
- Legal permission abbrev.
- Stomach emptying
- Sports group abbrev.
- Summer in Fr.
- A rank in 14 A or an activity found in 72 A
- Gay man or governess
- Botanically gay?
- Explosive ingredient
- Box abbrev.
- Mazurka
- Snake sound
- Pen point
- See A 121
- Eons
- Birds
- Volcano
- See A 14
- ENA reproduced
- Mao
- What daredevils do
- Road runner sound
- Conjunction
- Children killed by 14 D
- Continuously
- Whistle sound
- 75 D according to some
- Also perceived
- A pig sometimes
- Map abbrev.
- Birds
- Iron symbol
- With CE a relative
- What A 14 would never dream of doing
- Continent abbrev.
- Boney prefix
- Cheese
- Not go on foot
- Causal suffix
- Banking abbrev.
- Woman's name
- 39 D to some
- Fr. article
- Botanic gay
- Labor org.
- Yearly breeze
- Weighing abbrev.
- Fascist
- Pope's domain
- Gay man
- Petrol
- EN A Elliot
- Pomme de terre
- Presence acknowledgements
- Sports org. abb.
- Big bird
- 100 I, it's all Greek
- Spitfires often
- Complete group
- Network
- ____ your beads
- Trade
- Elec. unit
- Pronoun
- Daring
- Man's name
- Must have
- Plural of 102 A.
- In another sense
- Belonging to tentmaker
- Not dry
- Adj. suffix
- Laugh-a-minute
- Good report card
- Pakistani marsh
- 1900
- Network
- A Cummings



AIDS Updates

IN WHAT MAY BE A PRECEDENT-SETTING LAWSUIT, AN ORLANDO, FLORIDA MAN IS SUING HIS EX-LOVER FOR ALLEGEDLY INFECTING HIM WITH THE AIDS VIRUS.

ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF, BRYAN W. CREWS, STATED HIS CLIENT, JOHN H. HILL, 46, IS SUFFERING FROM FULL-BLOWN AIDS AND IS UNABLE TO PAY HIS MEDICAL BILLS. THE DEFENDANT, MARION L. MILLER, 58, COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE LAWSUIT, THE TWO MEN BEGAN A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP IN 1981 OR 1982. MR MILLER LEARNED IN JULY 1986 THAT HE WAS A CARRIER OF THE VIRUS, BUT WAS ASYMPTOMATIC. THE SUIT CONTENDS THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD THE LEGAL DUTY TO INFORM HIS LOVER OF HIS HIV ANTIBODY STATUS, BUT DID NOT DO SO UNTIL 6 MONTHS LATER. BY THAT TIME, MR. HILL HAD BECOME INFECTED.

UNLIKE THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ACTOR ROCK HUDSON, MARC CHRISTIAN DID NOT CONTRACT THE DISEASE BUT WAS AWARDED MILLIONS IN DAMAGES WHEN IT WAS PROVEN THAT HUDSON CONCEALED HIS AIDS INFECTION DURING THE TIME THE TWO WERE SEXUALLY INVOLVED.

THE FLORIDA SUIT IS SEEKING UNSPECIFIED DAMAGES OF MORE THAN \$5,000.

RESEARCHERS FOR THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL REPORTED THAT AIDS IS NOW ONE OF THE 10 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG CHILD-BEARING WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS EXPECTED TO RANK 5TH AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR.

SUSAN CHU, AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST WITH THE CDC STATED THAT CHILDREN BORN WITH AIDS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE AS MORE YOUNG WOMEN BECOME INFECTED. OUT OF MORE THAN 1800 CASES OF AIDS-INFECTED CHILDREN, 80% ACQUIRED THE INFECTION IN THE WOMB OR DURING BIRTH.

THE DISEASE IS ALSO CLAIMING A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN DIFFERENT GROUPS. IN GEORGIA, AIDS RANKS 9TH AMONG BLACK WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE BUT ONLY 14TH AMONG WHITE WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE AS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH. IN NEW YORK CITY, AIDS IS NOW THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR BLACK WOMEN AGES 15 TO 44.

LIBYA'S MOAMMAR GADHAFI ACCUSED U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF CREATING THE AIDS VIRUS AND SPREADING IT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, A DISPATCH FROM THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY OF THE RADICAL NORTH AFRICAN NATION SAID.

THE UNITED NATIONS HAS IMPOSED SANCTIONS ON LIBYA, WHICH IT ACCUSES OF AIDING WORLD TERRORISM.

GADHAFI MADE HIS ACCUSATIONS IN A SPEECH JULY 19 TO YOUTH GROUPS, THE AGENCY SAID IN AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DISPATCH.

GADHAFI SAID OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME: "THIS DISEASE IS MADE BY THE US INTELLIGENCE AND CAME OUT OF THE ACTS OF THEIR FACTORIES."

The Associated Press

IN MIAMI, CUBAN GAY MEN HAVE WITNESSED AN EXPLOSION OF HIV INFECTION AMONG THOSE WHO CAME TO AMERICA IN THE 1980 MARIEL BOATLIFT. ACCORDING TO THE *Miami Herald*, 70% OF THE 30,000 GAY MEN WHO MADE THE 90 MILE BOAT TRIP TO FREEDOM MAY NOW BE INFECTED WITH HIV.

THE NEWSPAPER WROTE, "IF YOU WANTED A PARADIGM FOR THE RAPID SPREAD OF AIDS IN AMERICA, YOU COULD NOT FIND A BETTER GROUP OF SUBJECTS THAN THE GAY REFUGEES FROM MARIEL. THEY WERE ALL YOUNG AND SEXUALLY ACTIVE. MOST WERE SEXUALLY WILD. THEY WERE A RELATIVELY SMALL POPULATION, UPROOTED AND UNATTACHED, INCESTUOUS. IN SHORT, A PERFECT BREEDING GROUND."

You're kidding.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE POLICE SAY ARSON WAS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE JULY 16 AT THE OFFICES OF THE KNOXVILLE MCC AND AIDS RESPONSE KNOXVILLE, WHICH ARE BOTH LOCATED IN THE SAME CONVERTED VICTORIAN HOUSE.

THE FIRE DID LITTLE DAMAGE TO THE AIDS SERVICES OFFICE, BUT THE CHURCH OFFICE SUSTAINED MORE THAN \$30,000 IN DAMAGES. OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS MOSTLY GAY, SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED THREATS, BUT COULDN'T SAY THAT THE ARSON WAS MOTIVATED BY ANTI-GAY HATRED OR THE WORK OF ONE DISGRUNTLED FORMER CHURCH-MEMBER.



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| AIDS Coastal Empire Found. | 238-5953 |
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| Victim-Witness Assistance | 944-4865 |
| Ga. Legal Services | 651-2180 |
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| AIDS HOTLINE | 233-AIDS |

Georgia Resources

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| THE NEWS | 876-5372 |
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| Nat. Assoc. of FWA'S/Ga. | 874-7926 |
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| Ga. Physicians for Hu. Rts. | 876-8587 |
| Gay & Les. Parents Coalition | 952-5322 |
| PFLAG | 934-1042 |
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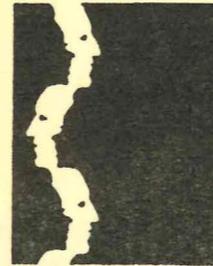
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| City size | '88 cases | '89 cases | Change |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Under 100,000 | 2,087 | 2,799 | 35.4% |
| 100,000-499,999 | 2,853 | 3,758 | 31.7% |
| 500,000-999,999 | 3,661 | 3,958 | 8.1% |
| Over 1 million | 23,615 | 24,713 | 4.6% |

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control

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NewsBriefs

AUSTRALIA

THE QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC PARENTS CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO REQUIRE GAYS TO WEAR VISIBLE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND BE COUNSELED ABOUT "THE DEPRAVITY OF THEIR ACTIONS". IT ALSO CALLED FOR REQUIRING ALL MALE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS TO TAKE HIV ANTIBODY TESTS AND BARRING GAYS FROM TEACHING POSITIONS AND FOOD HANDLING JOBS. THE GROUP, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE OFFICIAL CHURCH BACKING, CALLED ITS PROPOSALS "MODERN MINIMUM HEALTH PRECAUTIONS" TO HELP STOP HIV TRANSMISSION.

KAREN THOMPSON, THE ST. CLOUD, MINN., LESBIAN ACTIVIST WHO IS BEST KNOWN FOR HER LEGAL STRUGGLE TO VISIT SHARON KOWALSKI, HER DISABLED LOVER, RECEIVED THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN'S FIRST-EVER WOMAN OF COURAGE AWARD JULY 1 IN SAN FRANCISCO.

TENNIS GREAT MARTINA NAVRITALOVA WAS RECENTLY SLAMMED FOR BEING A LESBIAN BY BORN-AGAIN FORMER TENNIS STAR MARGARET COURT'S DISPLAY OF HOMOPHOBIA AND BAD SPORTSMANSHIP. COURT ATTACKED NINE-TIME WIMBLEDON CHAMPION MARTINA AS A BAD ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG TENNIS PLAYERS BECAUSE OF HER OPEN BISEXUALITY, EVEN CLAIMING THAT SOME 'YOUNG PLAYERS' ARE BEING "LED INTO HOMOSEXUALITY" BY SENIOR STARS! TO RESPOND TO THIS BIGOT, WHOSE CLAIMS SPARKED ONE OF THE SLEAZIEST EVER TABLOID ATTACKS ON GAYS IN THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER, WRITE MS. COURT AT THE TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, KINGS PARK ROAD, PERTH WA AUSTRALIA.

A CONFERENCE, "CELEBRATING GAY SPIRIT VISIONS" IS BEING ORGANIZED FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 2 THRU 4, 1990 AT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN WESTERN NORTH NORTH CAROLINA. THE ORGANIZERS ENVISION THIS CONFERENCE TO BE A "CONVOCATION OF GAY MEN TO EXPLORE AND CREATE THEIR SPIRITUAL DESTINY ON AN AWAKENING PLANET." THE THREE DAY CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS BY SPEAKERS, A PANEL DISCUSSION, WORKSHOPS CAUCUSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST NETWORKS, AND A GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL ATTEMPT TO FORGE A COMMON VISION FOR GAY MEN'S SPIRITUAL CONTRIBUTION IN THESE CHANGING TIMES. THE COSTS, INCLUDING MEALS AND HEATED LODGING, WILL BE \$142.50. FOR MORE INFORMATION, WRITE: CONFERENCE, 16 STUYVESANT Rd., BILTMORE FOREST, N.C. 28803 OR CALL: (704) 274-5671.

OVER THE SUMMER, NBC AGAIN SHOWED IT'S SENSITIVITY OR LACK THEREOF TO THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY BY RERUNNING THE NOTORIOUS EPISODE OF QUANTUM LEAP IN WHICH A LESBIAN USES HER STILETTO HEEL TO KILL HER LOVER WHO WANTED TO LEAVE HER FOR A MAN. PROTESTS OVER THE "MURDEROUS LESBIAN" EPISODE WERE IGNORED. THEN, IN SEPT., NBC PREMIERED ITS FAMILY SITCOM "THE FANELLI BOYS", WHICH HAD ONE OF THE BOYS TOSSING AROUND THE TERM "QUEERS" AS A DEROGATORY PUTDOWN. KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE ARE NO REGULARLY OCCURRING GAY OR LESBIAN CHARACTERS ON ANY NBC SHOWS. REMIND NBC THAT IT OWES US SOME POSITIVE PROGRAMMING TO COUNTERACT THESE BIASED IMAGES. ALSO DEMAND THAT NBC'S STANDARDS AND PRACTICES DEPARTMENT BE INSTRUCTED THAT HOMOPHOBIA IS JUST AS OFFENSIVE AS RACISM OR ANTI-SEMITISM, AND NO MORE ACCEPTABLE. WRITE TO WARREN LITTLEFIELD, PRESIDENT, NBC ENTERTAINMENT, 3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVENUE, BURBANK, CA. 91523.

FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS FROM TELEVISIONLAND. DUE IN LARGE PART TO YOUR LETTERS, CBS HAS BROUGHT BACK "DOCTOR, DOCTOR". THE WED. NIGHT COMEDY FOCUSES ON DR. MIKE STRATFORD AND FRIENDS. MIKE IS CLOSE TO HIS GAY BROTHER, RICHARD, A STRONG AND NON-STEREOTYPICAL CHARACTER WHO HAS BEEN INTELLIGENTLY INTEGRATED INTO THE SHOW'S STORYLINES. WE ALSO HEAR THAT CBS IS TALKING TO HARVEY FIERSTEIN ABOUT DEVELOPING A POSSIBLE PILOT. CONGRATULATE CBS FOR ITS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AND ENCOURAGE THE NETWORK TO DO MORE, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING LESBIANS. WRITE JEFF SAGANSKY, PRESIDENT, CBS ENTERTAINMENT, 7800 BEVERLY BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90036

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AUGUST GQ FEATURED AN ARTICLE BY RANDY SHILTS TITLED "NAMING NAMES" THAT DISCUSSED OUTING. WHILE GENERALLY DISAPPROVING OF THE PRACTICE, HE ENCOURAGES READERS STRONGLY TO COME OUT ON THEIR OWN. "WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE WORLD WOULD BE AN INFINITELY BETTER PLACE IF ALL LESBIANS AND GAY MEN WERE OPEN ABOUT THEIR SEXUALITY," HE WROTE. HE ALSO WROTE, "BECAUSE THE VAST MAJORITY OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SEXUALITY, A CERTAIN LIE HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO PERVADE SOCIETY. THAT LIE MAINTAINS THAT HOMOSEXUALS ARE SOME FRINGE GROUP COLONIZING GREENWICH VILLAGE, SAN FRANCISCO, AND WEST HOLLYWOOD.... IF THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALS WERE TO EMERGE, AND AMERICANS WERE TO REALIZE GAYS ARE AMONG THE COUNTRY'S MOST RESPECTABLE CITIZENS, ANTI-GAY PREJUDICE WOULD RAPIDLY EVAPORATE." SINCE GQ IS WIDELY KNOWN TO HAVE A LARGE GAY BUT LARGELY CLOSETED READERSHIP, IT WAS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR THIS MESSAGE. TELL GQ YOU WANT TO SEE MORE ARTICLES THAT ADDRESS GAY READERS. WRITE ARTHUR COOPER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, GQ, 350 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10017.

LETTERS

SEPTEMBER 17, 1990

FCN NEWSLETTER LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SENATOR SAM NUNN AND 53 OTHER UNITED STATES SENATORS ARE SUPPORTING AN ANTI-GAY AMENDMENT TO THE 1991 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPENDING BILL. THE AMENDMENT ALLOWS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US BY SAYING THAT IT IS OK TO BAR GAYS FROM PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHERE WE WILL BE ROLE MODELS, COMPANIONS OR MENTORS TO ANYONE UNDER 18. THE AMENDMENT WILL ALLOW ANY GROUP TO RESTRICT LESBIANS, GAYS, AND BISEXUALS FROM EDUCATING, COACHING OR TRAINING ANYONE UNDER 18. I AM NOT WILLING TO BE PRONOUNCED GUILTY FOR SOMETHING I HAVEN'T DONE. SENATOR NUNN HAS MADE ME ANGRY. AND HE KNOWS IT BECAUSE I'VE CALLED HIS SAVANNAH OFFICE AND TOLD HIM SO. JOIN ME BY CALLING OUR SENATOR AT 944-4300 (SAVANNAH) 1-404-331-4811 (ATLANTA) OR 1-202-224-3521 (WASHINGTON). WYCHE FOWLER VOTED FOR US. LET HIM KNOW AT 944-4140. MARK KRUEGAR

FCN NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SAVANNAH COMMUNITY FOR MAKING A \$500 DONATION TO PHOENIX PLACE, SAVANNAH'S TEN-BED HOMELESS SHELTER FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS. BECAUSE OF THIS SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT OF COUNTLESS OTHER SAVANNAHIANS, BUSINESSES AND FOUNDATIONS, DAVE GILLOOLY, DIRECTOR OF PHOENIX PLACE, IS EXPANDING SERVICES WITH AN OFFICE DOWNTOWN. SUPPORT GROUPS, A HOT-LINE AND EXPANDED MEETING SPACE FOR GAY AA AND FCN WILL SOON BE A REALITY.

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 SAVANNAH, GA. 31401

MARK KRUEGAR

AIDS Strikes Monks

BANGKOK, Thailand - More than 140 Buddhist monks recently tested positive for the AIDS virus in Thailand, according to officials here.

"If you checked all the temples, I'm sure you'd find a lot more," said Mechai Viravaidya, head of the private Population and Community Development Association, in a telephone interview Friday.

Monks take vows of celibacy, and Mechai said he did not know how the monks contracted the virus or if they were in the religious order at the time.

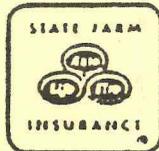
If you're LEFT, you're RIGHT

A Canadian behavior researcher has validated what most of us already know: Being gay or lesbian is biologically natural, not learned.

It is common knowledge that one's right or left-handedness depends on which half of the brain is dominant. In the non-gay populace, only 35 percent are left-handed, but 75

percent of lesbians and 45 percent of gay men are lefties. Also, Sandra Witelson of McMaster University found that at least 2-4 percent of the subjects in her cross-cultural studies are homosexual, therefore it is highly unlikely that gayness is an exclusively learned behavior.

Now if bisexuals turn out to be ambidextrous, we may really have something here.



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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY...

OCTOBER 11

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QUEER NATION COMES OUT

THE NEWEST FORM OF GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISM MAY ALSO BE THE MOST ENERGIZING, IN-YOUR-FACE ORGANIZATION TO COME AROUND YET. QUEER NATION, FORMED THIS PAST APRIL IN NEW YORK CITY, ALREADY HAS SIMILAR GROUPS POPPING UP IN BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO AND PROVINCETOWN. IT WAS FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF ACT UP MEMBERS WHO BELIEVE IN "DOING DIRECT ACTION AROUND LESBIAN AND GAY ISSUES."

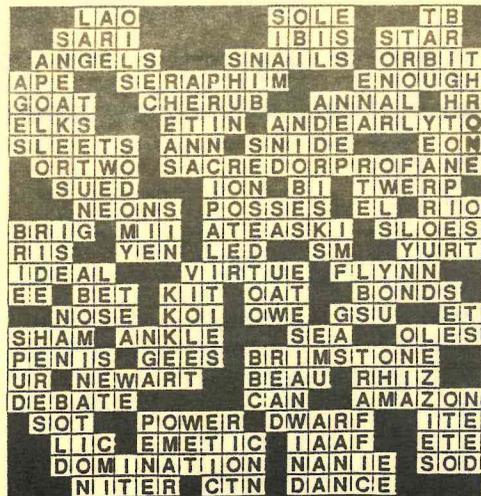
THE QUEER NATION MAKES GAYS AND LESBIANS PUBLICLY VISIBLE NOT ONLY BY TRADITIONAL FORMS OF PROTEST BUT BY DUCKING THE STRAIGHT WORLD'S RULES WITH SURPRISINGLY MELLOW TACTICS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF "NIGHTS OUT" EVENTS WHICH CONSIST OF GROUPS OF SAME-SEX COUPLES GOING OUT FOR AN EVENING OF DANCING, HAND HOLDING AND KISSING - IN STRAIGHT BARS.

AS 26 YEAR OLD FOUNDER ALAN KLEIN SAID, IN A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE VILLAGE VOICE, "NO SINGLE ACTION CHANGES THE WORLD. I DON'T EXPECT HETEROSEXUALS TO LEAVE A BAR AFTER A "NIGHTS OUT" AND SAY "WOW I'VE HAD CONTACT WITH LESBIANS AND GAYS AND I'VE HAD IT ALL WRONG!" BUT JUST BEING OURSELVES IN THESE THESE PLACES WHERE WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SUBTLY CHANGES THEIR REALITY."

THE NAME QUEER NATION WAS CHOSEN TO THROW THE OPPRESSION BACK IN THE OPPRESSOR'S FACES AND TO GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF UNITY AMONG A DIVERSE COMMUNITY. NO MATTER IF ONE IS GAY, LESBIAN, OR BISEXUAL, THE BLANKET TERM "QUEER" COVERS THE BASES.

THE ORGANIZATION IS ATTRACTING A SURPRISING NUMBER OF ACTIVISTS OF VARYING AGES AND INTERESTS. SOME EARLY GAY ACTIVISTS WHO DROPPED OUT OF THE SCENE 20 YEARS AGO ARE BECOMING INVOLVED IN QUEER NATION, MIXING OLDER FACES WITH THOSE OF THE YOUNG. THERE IS A PROBLEM OF DIVERSITY, AS THERE HAD BEEN IN ACT UP AND OTHER GAY AND LESBIAN ORGANIZATIONS, YET, AS ONE UNNAMED WRITER PUTS IT, "RACE AND CLASS AND GENDER ALL CONTRIBUTE TO SOMEONE'S STRUGGLE, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS STILL THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA IS IF WE ALL COME OUT" AND QUEER NATION IS COMING OUT IN DROVES.

THE NEWS



ON SATURDAY, OCT. 6, IN WASHINGTON, ATLANTA, HOUSTON, CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES THE AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT WILL ONCE AGAIN BE UNFOLDED. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS THE NAMES PROJECT HAS GRAPHICALLY REMINDED OUR NATION OF THE FRIENDS, LOVERS AND FAMILY WE'VE LOST TO THE AIDS EPIDEMIC BY DISPLAYING THE EVER-INCREASING AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT IN THE BACKYARD OF THE WHITE HOUSE. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS AND MILLIONS OF VISITORS HAVE SEEN THE QUILT AND UNDERSTOOD THE LOSS WROUGHT BY AIDS.

NOW, IN ORDER TO FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE QUILT'S ELOQUENT SILENCE, WE HAVE TAKEN ON AN EVEN MORE REMARKABLE TASK THAN RETURNING ONLY TO WASHINGTON. THE QUILT WILL BE SHOWN SIMULTANEOUSLY IN FIVE CITIES OCT. 6-8 TO DEMONSTRATE THE UNCOMMON RESPONSE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD HAVE SHOWN IN THIS DECADE OF HIV.

EACH OF THE FIVE CITIES WILL BE DISPLAYING THE SAME NUMBER OF PANELS, 1,920, AS WERE SHOWN THE FIRST TIME THE QUILT WAS LAID OUT UPON THE CAPITOL MALL IN OCTOBER OF 1987. EVEN WITH THIS NUMBER OF PANELS BEING DISPLAYED, THE WHOLE QUILT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE SHOWN AT THIS EVENT... THIS IS HOW VAST THIS BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL HAS BECOME. WE HAVE FOUND THAT CAREGIVERS ARE REVITALIZED AND ARE ABLE TO RECOMMIT THEMSELVES AFTER BEING REMINDED WHAT WE ARE ALL FIGHTING FOR: THE END OF AIDS AND THE END OF THE GROWTH OF THE QUILT.

Come Out! Now!

THOUSANDS OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN WILL BE TAKING THEIR NEXT STEP OUT OF THE CLOSET ON OCT. 11 BY PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS FROM COAST TO COAST. AS INDIVIDUALS, MANY WILL BE AFFIRMING THEIR GAY OR LESBIAN IDENTITIES BY COMING OUT TO THEIR FRIENDS, A FAMILY MEMBER, CO-WORKER, EMPLOYER OR LEGISLATOR.

"TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO WE ARE IS THE MOST POSITIVE THING WE CAN DO AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A COMMUNITY" SAID LYNN SHEPODD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY. "THERE ARE OVER 25 MILLION GAY AND LESBIAN AMERICANS AND MOST FOLKS DON'T THINK THEY KNOW ANY OF US. ISN'T THAT ABSURD? POLLS INDICATE TO US THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO REPORT KNOWING SOMEONE GAY OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT OUR RIGHTS. CONVERSELY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK THEY KNOW ANYONE GAY OR LESBIAN OPPOSE US ON EVERY ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR RIGHTS AND OUR SURVIVAL."

"IF THE AIDS EPIDEMIC HAS TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WILL ONLY ACHIEVE EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW IF WE ARE OUT AND VISIBLE. THIS CANNOT BE DONE FROM THE CLOSET," SAID ROB EICHBERG, PH.D. CO-FOUNDER OF NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY AND AUTHOR OF *COMING OUT: AN ACT OF LOVE*. NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY IS A YEARLY CAMPAIGN THAT ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS GAY AND LESBIAN INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMIT TO THE COMING OUT PROCESS.

Discover the Common Threads

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

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Free admission to all displays. All donations made at the displays will be distributed to local AIDS agencies. For more information about these displays, or the NAMES Project chapter nearest you, call (415) 863-5511. Discount airfares are available on United and Delta Airlines. For United flights call 1-800-521-4041 and refer to account #0304N. For Delta flights call 1-800-221-1212, and refer to account #011421.

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(Detach along dotted line and return to the NAMES Project)

Dear President & Mrs. Bush:

In the last decade tens of thousands of Americans have died of AIDS. Their numbers increase every day, as witnessed by the growth of the NAMES Project Quilt. I am deeply concerned about this, and as an individual I have made a personal commitment to fight AIDS. In the next twelve months:

- ✓ I pledge to volunteer _____ hours of my time to helping people with AIDS in my community.
- ✓ I pledge to contribute \$_____ to organizations fighting AIDS through education, research and services to those with AIDS.
- ✓ I pledge to speak up whenever I hear AIDS discussed, to encourage a better understanding of the disease, to fight discrimination against those living with it, and to counter the misinformation and hysteria that is too commonly heard.

President and Mrs. Bush, I know that you are also concerned. Please remind the country that we are all joined together in this struggle, and that the United States is dedicated to ending the AIDS epidemic.

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Please return the attached postcard at any Quilt display site. Or, to mail it in, detach card, affix 15¢ stamp to reverse side and send to:
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You can use this blank space on the postcard (at left) for a personal message. You may want to tell the President about someone you've lost to AIDS and include his or her name.

A Pro Vote for Canadian Cons

AUSTRALIA: Yet another branch of HUGS, Heterosexuals Unafraid of Gays, has formed in remote Tasmania, where the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group continues its fight to decriminalize gay sex. The new chapter is in Hobart, the capital, and follows the formation of HUGS chapters in the even more remote Tasmanian towns of Burnie and Launceston. "It's important that as heterosexuals we show our support for lesbians and gays and our opposition to the intense oppression they face," said HUGS/Hobart spokesman David Brewer. "At the moment, we're looking at a 'HUG-in' to raise consciousness about lesbian and gay issues." (GALAH)

BULGARIA: After testing 2.7 million individuals and turning up only 83 HIV-positive results, the government has abandoned its three-year-old policy mandating HIV screening for every citizen. Bulgarians who refused to take the test had been subject to large fines and arrest. (San Francisco Examiner)

CANADA: New Democrat Party legislator William Roberts was evicted from the floor of the Alberta Legislative Assembly in May for speaking in favor of gay rights. According to *Rites*, the Alberta Speaker of the House has barred all discussion of whether gays and lesbians should be protected under the province's Individual Rights Protection Act, which is undergoing revision. The last time a legislator was removed from the Legislature was 38 years ago.

CANADA: A federal appeals court June 6 upheld a lower court ruling that gays and lesbians have the right to visit their lovers in prison because Canada's national Charter of Rights and Freedoms implicitly forbids antigay discrimination. The case was brought by Tim Veysey and Les Beu of Niagara Falls, after officials denied their request to spend a weekend in the conjugal visits house-trailer at Warkworth Institution in Peterborough, Ontario. (Xtra)

FRANCE: Two new bathhouses have opened here, one in Paris and the other in rural Beziers. According to *Gai Pied*, gay men "are rediscovering the pleasures of warmth and safer sex, which is much easier to encourage [in bathhouses] than in parks and back rooms." The Paris bath, Key West, includes a huge sauna, a swimming pool, a whirlpool and two torture chambers—very Disney World [and] seems to be of an extreme cleanliness, an obsession for the owners."

HUNGARY: Homeros Lambda, the first official gay organization in Eastern Europe, has dissolved due to infighting. But a new organization known as Lambda Budapest has come on the scene and is producing a gay newspaper, *MASok*. The restructuring led to the sale and temporary closing of Lokal, Hungary's only gay bar, which had been owned and operated by Homeros, but the non-gay woman who bought it has promised that Lokal will remain gay and hopes to reopen later this summer. To receive *MASok*, write: Budapest 13, Pf. 26, H-1253, Hungary.

ITALY: The Seventh International Conference on AIDS is set for June 16-21, 1991, in historic Florence and organizers are urging early registration because the conference site only holds 8,000 people (11,000 attended this year's gathering in San Francisco). Write: VII International Conference on AIDS, General Secretariat, Laboratory of Virology, Istituto Superiore di Sanita, Viale Regina Elena 299, 00161 Rome, Italy. Phone: 011 39 6 4457888. Fax: 011 38 6 4453369.

MEXICO: For the moment, Guadalajara Mayor Gabriel Covarrubias Ibarra has ceased trashing the International Lesbian and Gay Association's planned 13th world conference in 1991. He had previously promised to do everything in his power to stop the event, but federal and state officials recently told him to be quiet, according to sources, and Ibarra admitted that gays have a constitutional right to gather. At about the same time, the local press stopped what had been months of inflammatory and sensational articles.

The 1991 conference will be ILGA's first outside Europe. Anyone willing to help with travel expenses to the conference for Latin American delegates should contact the Grupo Orgullo Homosexual de Liberacion, Apartado Postal 1-1693, 44100 Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Phone: 011 52 36 37 26 90. GOHL also needs money itself for an office, supplies, a phone and a copier—things which it lost when Ibarra closed all the city's gay bars.

ROMANIA: Romanian gays continue to seek asylum in Hungary and those who fled to Budapest during the Ceausescu era refuse to go home, according to correspondent Sandor Borsos. Both situations flow from "the new Romanian government's unwillingness to decriminalize homosexuality and the continuing hostile public mood to homosexuality in Romania," Borsos said.

SOUTH AFRICA: GLOW BAR, the pub in Soweto township that hosted the Gay and Lesbian Organization of Witwatersrand, a black gay organization founded by Tseko Simon Nkoli, was raid-

ed by police in November. It has now been taken over by "a white man from Johannesburg who made it clear to us that the bar is no longer gay," Nkoli said. The raid resulted in the arrest of the owner, Maria Phadi, and two employees. The police said Phadi had an unlicensed shotgun and that the employees knew about it. "What could we do, we left; yes, we lost the bar," Nkoli said. "We are now in a process of looking for a new gay place for Soweto people." GLOW's address is: P.O. Box 23017, Joubert Park 2044, Johannesburg, South Africa.

TAIWAN: Thirty-five women have begun this island's first lesbian group "to attempt to organize the community beyond the social circles that currently exist." Long-range goals include a lesbian center and a program of activism. The women would like to receive visitors and lesbian propaganda. Write: Wo-men zhi jian, c/o Thanora Fishel, Hoping East Road-Sec. 2-Lane 76-Alley 17, No. 7-2/2 fl., Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

CANADA: Yukon Gays and Lesbians has published a mailing address in response to "the refusal of the Yukon government to develop AIDS education specifically targeted toward gays," said *Rites*. "Inspiration was drawn from a personal ad in the *Whitehorse Star* placed by a gay man intending to move to the Yukon. He got 12 responses, some from people who believed they were 'the only one.'" Write: YGL, P.O. Box 5604, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5H4, Canada.

ENGLAND:



The British Press Council has ruled that newspapers cannot use the words "poof" and "poofster" to describe gay men because the words are "insulting," according to *The Pink Paper*. The ruling followed a complaint from gay journalist Terry Anderson against *The Sun*, which unsuccessfully argued that the terms are "the language of Sun readers and indeed the majority of British people."

How Long Baby...How Long?

[Reprinted with permission from
The Baltimore Alternative, July 1990]

by Nancy Lyn Define

How long can we survive in a world where crimes committed against us because we exist are sanctioned by the state and applauded by the Church?

How long will we tolerate laws that make merely being alone in the same room as our lover enough to have us arrested in 24 states?

How long can we excuse those who see the mere act of our going out for a few drinks with our friends as a valid reason for harassment, abuse, and in some cases, death?

How long can we live with the knowledge that someone who has known us all of our lives can get up a petition to have us dismissed from a teaching position because there is something "suspicious" about our living arrangement?

How long can we allow our cousin's twelve-year-old son to call us a filthy name and have our cousin merely say "you know how kids are"?

How long can we sit back and watch a virus systematically attacking our friends, our lovers, ourselves; and hear other persons calling this killer "God's punishment on us" for being different than they are?

How long can we live with the fear that a spot on our back may very well mean that we won't see our next birthday; and live with the knowledge that the general population was

more willing to pay millions of dollars to see two fighters spend ninety-one seconds beating each other up than to give one cent to help us beat the odds and live?

How long can we watch supposedly intelligent medical practitioners refuse to bring food into our best friend's room?

How long can we tolerate employment where any one of us can suddenly find ourselves fired from our job of twenty years because we're considered "a bad risk"?

How long can we sit back and hear crude words, describing our life, used freely and with approval, by every teenager, in every movie, towards anyone to whom they want to be the most degrading?

How long will we meekly accept the idea that we may no longer be welcome in our own sister's home because "you know how it is with kids and Harry worries so much about their 'identifiers'?"

How long can we allow our own families to deny our existence; or seat our partner at a different table during weddings; or dictate that we're only welcome in their home if we keep our mouths shut about our lives, our loves...the very core of our being?

How long can we live with the knowledge that regardless of who we are, regardless of what we have accomplished, regardless of every single other facet of our personality, we can always be completely and totally summed up by one word?

How long can we stand meekly by and not react to the fact that among our own kind, there are those who hate us for not lying about ourselves; not meekly accepting the pronoun-

ments of fanatics, morons and bigots?

How long can we stand by and listen to those born again "fanatics" who claim they would rather see their children *dead* than what we are?

How long before we remember that the first "open person" of our orientation elected to public office was assassinated shortly thereafter; and his murder cheered by a number of the police officers into whose custody he was charged?

How long can we listen while our lives are publicly debated, excused, explained and condemned by persons who know absolutely nothing about us?

How long can we financially support a religion which has contributed to the fear and hysteria and vicious mistrusts about us?

How long should we allow our personal sex lives be the topic of numerous exploitative discussions; how long will we allow strangers the right to ask us the most intimate, personal questions because they find "our kind" interesting?

How long would you allow the gay community to give you "flack" about "acting up" if it were your domestic partner who desperately needed life giving drugs that you could no longer afford?

How long would you tolerate your lover being beaten up because she dared to proudly assert her lesbianism?

How long would you say is long enough to politely ask for basic human decency?

How long, Baby...how long?▼

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Educators Tackle Gay Invisibility in School Textbooks

A GROUP OF GAY EDUCATORS LAUNCHED A LAST-MINUTE CAMPAIGN TO GET TEXTBOOK PUBLISHERS TO INCLUDE GAY ISSUES IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATERIALS. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, THEY SAY IT IS THE FIRST STEP IN PROJECT 21, A DRIVE TO HAVE GAY ISSUES ADDRESSED BY SCHOOL MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY BY THE 21ST CENTURY.

"WE HOPE NOT ONLY TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AND INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOVEMENT, BUT GAY AND LESBIAN KIDS ESPECIALLY AND STRAIGHT KIDS NEED TO KNOW HOMOSEXUALITY IS REALLY AN ORDINARY THING," SAYS JESSEA GREENMAN OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION (GLAAD).

GREENMAN INITIATED THE DRIVE WHEN A WOMAN'S GROUP SHE WORKS WITH SENT HER A MAILER FROM THE CALIFORNIA SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, BILL HONIG, REQUESTING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE TEXTS IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS. SHE CONTACTED THE BAY AREA NETWORK OF GAY AND LESBIAN EDUCATORS, WHO WENT TO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DURING HEARINGS ON THE TEXTS. ALTHOUGH ALMOST ALL OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE MEETING, FROM VARIOUS ETHNIC MINORITY AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS RAISED OBJECTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY TEXTS, THEY WERE APPROVED.

THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIALS HAS JUST BEGUN, BUT THE BEST BET IS TO REACH THE PUBLISHERS BEFORE THE BOOKS ARE WRITTEN.

"THE PUBLISHERS ARE ON NOTICE THAT WE WILL BE DEMANDING INCLUSION IN THE FUTURE. WE KNEW WHEN WE WENT WE WOULD LOOSE, BUT IT'S A VICTORY BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO ARTICULATE OUR ISSUES. GOING FROM INVISIBILITY TO VISIBILITY IS ALWAYS A VICTORY." CALIFORNIA TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES ALREADY IN PLACE EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY AND A MULTI-CULTURAL APPROACH, AND ENCOURAGE PUBLISHERS TO INCLUDE CONTROVERSIAL MATTER.

"THEY TALK ABOUT DIVERSITY AND CONTROVERSY," GREENMAN SAID. "IF THEY REALLY MEAN THOSE THINGS AND IF THEY WANT A FACTUAL HISTORY, THEY HAVE TO TALK ABOUT STONEWALL, THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AT THE SUPREME COURT...."

MANY OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE CURRICULUM MEETINGS SAY BOOKS STILL FAILED TO PRESENT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MINORITIES AS SIGNIFICANT. "OTHER MINORITY GROUPS WERE TALKING ABOUT TOKENISM. IF WE GOT TOKENISM, IT WOULD BE A BIG STEP FORWARD," WILSON SAID. GREENMAN AGREED. "YOU SEE THE PROBLEM IN THE DROP-OUT RATE, WHEN PEOPLE DON'T SEE THEMSELVES IN BOOKS OR HEAR THEMSELVES IN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS. ARE WE GOING TO BE A SOCIETY FOR ALL PEOPLE?" AS ONE OF THE LARGEST MARKETS FOR TEXTBOOKS, CALIFORNIA HAS THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE CONTENT OF TEXTBOOKS TO BE USED ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE 1990 FCN BOARD HELD IT'S LAST MEETING TO INTRODUCE THE NEW BOARD TO EACH OTHER ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19. AT THIS MEETING THE TOPIC OF JESSE HELMS WAS BROUGHT UP. IT HAS BECOME A KNOWN FACT THAT FIRST UNION IS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE HELMS RE-ELECTION. ALTHOUGH FCN HAS USED FIRST UNION AS IT'S BANK SINCE IT'S BIRTH 5 YEARS AGO, AND ALTHOUGH WE WOULD BE FORFEITING \$66 FOR NEW CHECKS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD SHOW OUR GAY PRIDE BY BOYCOTTING FIRST UNION AND THEREFORE JESSE HELMS. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN OUR BOYCOTT OF FIRST UNION.

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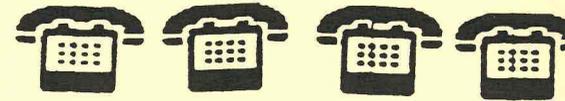
WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW OFFICES CALLED "THE CENTER", WE ARE ABLE TO BETTER DISTRIBUTE HIV/AIDS INFORMATION, OFFER MEETING SPACE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS SESSIONS, AND OFFER OTHER AGENCIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CENTRALIZE SERVICES TO THE HIV+ COMMUNITY.

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A DUAL DEDICATION

This first newsletter on our new IBM computer is dedicated to two dear friends.

First to Frank to whom this computer and even this newsletter could not have been possible. From pupil to teacher with all my heart I thank you. May your move be all that you hoped it would be. I shall look for your name in lights one day. All my best forever.

Mrs. Frank Blocker

And secondly to Wilson Huff, the past editor of the newsletter for over a year and a half. I look forward to working on future newsletters as soon as your 'burn out' has passed. You are a dear friend whom I value greatly.

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LETTERS "FROM THE EDITOR"

Well, here it is! Emma's first attempt at a newsletter on the computer. What do ya think? I've had some really 'swell' help though. If it hadn't have been for Frank, this wouldn't have looked so professional. If it hadn't have been for Ric, it wouldn't have as many articles as it does. If it hadn't have been for Dave and Phoenix Project, I wouldn't have any idea how it would have looked before layout cause they have the printer. I've had some really good support from both members of FCN and others. I have to thank Sandy for her patience. She has walked in the door from work for the past 3 weeks knowing that I am just sitting at the computer steadily trying to learn these new processes. Even my sisters, I mean siblings, have called to ask "have you got it yet, and how do you like it? Well, I like it fine. It is frustrating at times (you know adults don't learn as fast as they used to) but I'm gonna hang in there. For eight years now my work --income bringing work -- has been physical. With this computer I will be able to put my mind back to work. I've been missing that these past eight years. I believe this computer is gonna open up new doors for both FCN and myself and I am proud and lucky to have this opportunity. I have always been afraid of computers--sound like a fear of the unknown-- and doing this newsletter again is going to allow me the chance to overcome this fear. I believe an opportunity to overcome a fear is a chance in a lifetime. So thanks to all for contributing to my opportunity for growth. I hope that with each passing month you will begin to see not only changes and growth of the Network News but also the changes and growth in me. So, let me know what you think, and I shall let you know what I think. I'm optimistic and I'm smiling, big.

Emma

1990 CHRISTMAS CARRIAGE PARTY

Once again you are cordially invited to attend First City Network's 4th annual Carolling Christmas Carriage Party in Downtown Savannah. Our hostesses of last year have graciously consented to hold the party once again at their parlor floor apartment on Jones Street. As was the case with last year's party, the festivities will begin at 7pm with drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), titillating conversation, food and just general good socializing. At 8pm sharp, our carriages will arrive on Jones St. for pick up where we will be whisked away by carriage for an hour long ride thru downtown Savannah. For those who attended last year, the hay wagon will be with us again. Christmas carol through will be provided for those who don't know the words to every carol ever written. During the tour our hostesses apartment will be locked up so plan on being there on time. After the tour, we will return to Jones St where we can enjoy the company of our carolling companions until 10pm.

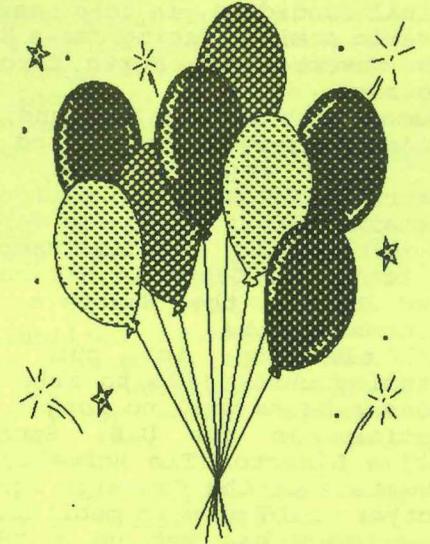
The cost of this event will be \$15 to members and \$20 to nonmembers. This price includes drinks, food, carol booklets and carriage ride however it does not include the drivers gratuity. Please remember your drivers!

Reservations will be taken until December 1st and payment must be made in advance by December 10th. No monies will be taken at the door. Should anyone be interested in joining FCN and therefore get the discount rate, those arrangements can be met but still payment must be in advance.

For reservations call 236-CITY or 232-3771. An answering machine will

be at both locations to take those reservations.

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HELP DEFEAT JESSE HELMS

In an unprecedented effort in American political history, a national lesbian and gay political organization is urging all of its members to donate money to a political candidate, in this case the Democratic nominee facing Jesse Helms in the November 6th North Carolina Senate race.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, is orchestrating a massive, nationwide fundraising effort among its members to give urgently needed campaign funds to Harvey Gantt in his battle against Helms, the Senate's most virulent homophobe.

"This election is our last opportunity until 1996 to make sure that Jesse Helms will no longer have a platform in the U.S. Senate," Executive Director Tim McFeeley has told members of the Campaign Fund.

In another bold move to mobilize its members, HRCF has set up a "House Party Hotline" at 202-628-4160 to provide information to members on how to multiply the financial support that can be sent to the Gantt campaign by holding small fundraisers for him.

HRCF is urging Campaign Fund members to send checks directly to:

Harvey Gantt for United States Senate

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A direct contribution -- up to \$1,000 -- "will help to ensure that he has the resources necessary to reach the voters of North Carolina with the facts."

FLORIDA ADOPTION SUIT

The American Civil Liberties Union is issuing its first challenge to a Florida law banning homosexuals from adopting children.

On Monday, September 24, a suit was filed against the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services on behalf of Edward Seebol, executive director of AIDS Help Inc. in Key West. Mr. Seebol, a gay community leader and veteran social worker who cares for many of Key West's AIDS victims through the non-profit agency he founded, decided to sue after his application to adopt an HIV positive child was rejected by the department last May.

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THOSE SMILING IRISH "AYES"

Late one night in the chambers of Ireland's Parliament this past June, the Irish senator David Norris, who is openly gay, pulled off the neatest little coup Dublin has seen in many a year.

Waiting patiently until the chambers were empty of all but himself and two other senators -- the quorum required by Irish law -- Norris proposed that they vote out the Republic of

Ireland's 1916 Sodomy Law. The vote was unanimous!

The prime minister was not amused. But since the European Parliament, a component of the Common Market of which Ireland is a member, had already required Ireland to discard its sodomy laws, the prime minister had no choice but to let the vote stand. Now it is safe in Ireland to sing out the words of the great Brendan Behan's immortal song, "We're Queer Because We're Here, Because We're Here, Because We're Queer!"

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ANTI-GAY AND LESBIAN VIOLENCE IN BRITAIN

Anti-gay and lesbian violence is on the rise in Great Britain. According to The New York Times, British gay and lesbian activists are concerned about recent increases in violent attacks on gays and lesbians, as well as what they see as a pattern of continued police harassment.

As reported by British gay and lesbian monitoring groups, arrests of homosexual men for sexual offense laws are at their highest since the 1950's. Although Britain decriminalized homosexual activity between consenting adults in 1967, police are reportedly relying on various other sexual offense and indecency laws to arrest gay suspects.

The AIDS epidemic, particularly its coverage by sensationalistic British tabloids, police insensitivity, as well as a non-politicized gay and lesbian community are considered to be the root of the recent increases in gay and lesbian violence.

Although activists agree that attacks on gays are rising, exact figures are unavailable as British police refuse to keep statistics on anti-gay hate crimes. The Gay London Policing Group, which monitors such data, estimates that more than 1,000 such attacks occur each year in London alone.

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OUR UPCOMING EVENT

Perhaps referring to the Christmas Carolling Carriage Cavalcade as just an upcoming event is an understatement. On Saturday December 15th, friends of FCN will be gathering on Jones Street for our 4th annual Christmas party. With each successive year, the party gets larger and larger. For the first time last year, Carriage tours of Savannah led the cavalcade with a hay wagon followed by four carriages. This year, we are expecting an even larger crowd so another carriage will be needed. Just picture this! A hay wagon and five carriages going through the streets of downtown Savannah with carollers singing every Christmas

Carol ever written. We make such a ruckus that many residents come out on their porches to see what is happening. And another thing! The drivers at Carriage Tours of Savannah all fight over who "gets to" drive the FCN tour. So we must be doing something right. So those of you who have never experienced this party should come out with all of us who wouldn't miss it for the world. Once again, the party is Dec. 15th at 7pm with carriages picking us up at 7:45 (that's different from last year). All money - \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members - must be paid in advance. So give us a call at 236-CITY or 232-3771 and plan your Saturday night on Dec. 15th. It will be worth it.

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FUN WAS HAD BY ALL

Yes indeed, on September 29th, FCN became "5" (five) years old. There was those who said we could not do it but we are stronger now than ever. So to celebrate our birthday, we threw a little party with boiled shrimp and crab, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, beer, wine, sodas, that fabulous Passion Punch and 175 of our dearest friends. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. FCN welcomes all those who became members that day and all those who just came to enjoy the festivities. We would especially like to thank Wilson, Andrea, Punk, Robert, Michelle, Cathy, Ric, Danielle, Bill, Mark, John, Emma, Jo, Bobby, Bonnie, Angie and Craig. We raised around \$350. It is our goal within the next two fundraisers to acquire enough money to purchase a printer to complete our computer package. The money raised from the Turkey Shoot plus what we expect to raise at the Christmas Carolling Party should allow that to become a reality. So, see ya soon.

THE MEDIUM IS STILL BELOW AVERAGE

Every year, just about Labor Day, I eagerly await the fall preview issue of T.V. Guide. And every year, I get a little older waiting for television to turn its cameras on the gay community. Like most people in the United States, I have grown up with a TV in my home. It is an ongoing presence which reminds me that I am not included in the homes of so many.

Gay men have small parts on thirtysomething and Doctor, Doctor carrying over from last year. There are the "Men on Art" sketches from In Living Color. And worst of all, there are the guest appearances on shows where the cops, the lawyers, or the sitcom families address the issue of homosexuality, offer compassion and understanding, and never hire the character again. Lesbians have an even lower profile, only occasionally appearing as the special guest killer or victim. For gay men in the nineties, there is a new stereotype. Instead of being diseased, we have a disease. For lesbians, visibility is still the problem.

Television is the common denominator in most Americans households, the source of news and the developer of opinions. I belong on television with

my sisters and brothers. We can be just as funny and stupid and villainous and heroic as straight people. Imagine a lesbian Lucy trying to get into her lover Ethel's act at a women's music festival.

Perhaps I am most distressed by the ongoing shows which focus on a smaller character only to present their heterosexual credentials. A little mystery might be appreciated. A nasty example can be found in Star Trek : The Next Generation. Every character has had a heterosexual encounter, including the android, Data. On television, even the damned toasters are straight.

I am not afraid of being portrayed by the media, I am afraid of being ignored. Television is so powerful. I watch TV, but I don't belong on it. I buy their products, but they don't acknowledge me.

One of these days, a character on television will have a role which encompasses their gayness rather than be defined by it. The audience will respond to the person rather than their use of genitals.

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CLUB ONE DOES IT AGAIN!

Yes, Club One, that multilevel haven for all us dance and show crazy Savannahians has come to the aid of our citizens who need us most. On September 21st, the owners of the bar held a benefit to help Phoenix Project with the big problem in Savannah of helping homeless People with AIDS. Through their hard work, they raised \$1016.49 and the board of FCN would like to thank Club One. All too often in the past, gay bars would just line their pockets with our money and do nothing for the community. Again, we at FCN say thanks for a job well done.

WOMEN LOVING WOMEN

Lesbians have been kept in the dark about safer sex long enough. Gay Mens Health Crisis (GMHC) is now getting the word out with its first safer sex brochure for lesbians, **WOMEN LOVING WOMEN**. With cogent, explicit text the brochure provides guidelines for safer woman-to-woman sex, and spells out the high risk activities to avoid.

No-risk and low-risk safer sex activities include kissing on the lips and body; gentle touching; playing with sex toys, and cleaning shared toys with bleach or alcohol; masturbation; and visual and mental stimulation. Oral sex

should always include a latex dam, which acts as a barrier to HIV. Dams are available in medical supply stores and assorted erotica-carrying emporia. "There's no reason for us to wait until the Centers For Disease Control gets on the prevention bandwagon for lesbians," says Maggie Reinfeld, GMHC's Director of Education, about the *raison d'être* of the new publication. "All women need to know how to protect themselves from HIV infection. We are excited about this brochure because it begins to bridge a significant information gap."

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Jonathan, John and the fellows are hosting a BEER BUST benefit for Phoenix Project, Savannah's non-profit AIDS services group. A \$5 donation to Phoenix gets you all the beer you can drink till its gone. Join your friends in the pool room and the patio on a pleasant afternoon and show your support.

The fete begins at 2pm on Sunday, December 9. Faces II is located at 17 Lincoln Street in Historic Downtown Savannah. For more information call 233-3520 or 236-1755.

THE TURKEY RECAP

FCN's 2nd Turkey Shoot, held on November 17th, was a huge success even though the original route was altered due to the closing of the Talmadge Bridge. A very special thanks goes to Mark Bryan and his family for their hospitality and donation of the site, shells, targets, and guns. And to Ric Sims for handling the money and the shooting line-up (we know how frightened you are of women with shotguns). We are extremely fortunate this year with the sponsors (thanks to Jo Brown). The following people and businesses made it possible:

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This year's consolation prize for the most shots with no bull went to Julia. Next year's shoot will be even more successful, especially since we have decided that Sandy (Dead-eye) Fitzer, Andrea Oakley, and Wilson Wyatt Huff will have to shoot blindfolded. A special congratulations to Punk for winning the carriage ride and to Melody for finally hitting a target.

Cindy and Jo

(Editor's note: Cindy and Jo ran this event and they aren't even board members. If there is anyone out there who would like to do the same, the FCN board would love to support and help you plan and run your own fundraiser.)

LESBIAN ARCHIVES PRESERVES HISTORY, CULTURE OF WOMEN

The Lesbian Herstory Archives is asking lesbians around the world to join them in a week of fundraising events in order to raise funds for a building for the archives.

One of the highlights of the week will be a series of house parties, held in communities from Athens, Georgia to Anchorage Alaska. These intimate gatherings will share information about the archives and ask for contributions. The archives is still looking for local organizers who would like to join in this effort.

Coordinator Deb Edel explained, "The archives has always depended on grassroots support for its survival, and this week of fundraising is continuing that tradition with a special effort to raise money to purchase a very necessary building."

The Lesbian Herstory Archives, incorporated as the Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation in 1979, serves lesbians worldwide through its newsletter, bibliographies, slide shows, research assistance, as well as its crucial work of collecting and preserving the world's largest and oldest collection of lesbian materials.

It is the oldest and largest collection of lesbian culture, housing 10,000 books, 13,000 periodical titles, 500

unpublished papers comprised of short stories, poetry, plays, journals, post-doctoral theses, letters, diaries, and high school papers. In addition, there is a collection of 12,000 photographs, taped oral herstories, films, buttons, clothing, and other representations of lesbian lives and activities.

The Lesbian Herstory Archives was founded in New York City 16 years ago. The original collection was comprised of the personal papers and artifacts of the founders. The archives is still housed in the Manhattan apartment of one of the founders, although the rapidly increasing volume of materials has necessitated the acquisition of storage lockers. The cataloguing and indexing are computerized and all retrieval, filing, categorizing, informational services-- in fact, all services and activities connected with the archives-- are provided by lesbian volunteers.

In 1989, the number of visitors to the archives was 1,200 and the number of telephone inquiries topped 3,000.

Students, scholars, writers, and film and video-makers have utilized the Lesbian Herstory Archives in films like *Before Stonewall*, *Silent*

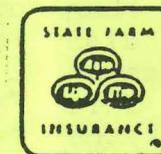
Pioneers, and *Neighborhood Voices* as well as books like Lillian Faderman's *Surpassing the Love of Men* and J. R. Roberts' *Black Lesbians: A Bibliography*. Currently, the archives is sponsoring a video project on the Daughters of Bilitis, the first national lesbian organization in the United States.

Educational outreach is another primary function of the Lesbian Herstory Archives. In addition to reference services and bibliographies for students and researchers, archives volunteers conduct tours, facilitate study groups, publish a newsletter, speak to groups of women throughout the United States and Canada, and sponsor forums, readings, concerts, slide shows, and dances. There is a travelling videotape presentation as well.

The motto of the archives is "In memory of the voices we have lost." The desire to retrieve lost voices and restore visibility to lesbian people is the main goal.

The purpose of the Lesbian Herstory Archives is to gather and preserve any materials that are relevant to lesbian lives and activities and to make that material accessible to every lesbian. The archives continues to retrieve and respect the lost voices, mobilize and recognize current voices, and insure the value

of all lesbian voices for future generations. The international fund-raising effort to relocate the archives to a permanent and customized home is intended to accommodate on-going growth and accessibility. Although the archives receives certain grant monies from non-governmental, radical fundingsources, the primary source of income continues to be private donations. The Lesbian Herstory Archives, as the largest and oldest repository of the artifacts and documents of lesbian culture, welcomes materials from all lesbian. Contributions, archival and/or monetary, may be mailed to LHEF, Inc., P.O. Box 1258, New York, NY 10116. The telephone number is (212) 874-7232. GAYPAPER



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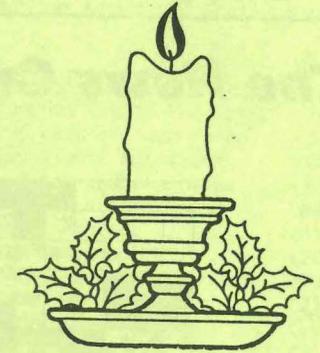
The board of FCN is going to be addressing the topic of membership dues at our next meeting on December 5th. For over 5 years FCN's dues has remained at \$15 and some on the board feel that it is time for a change. For the price of \$15, you have received a monthly newsletter (which costs more to send out than what dues covers) and also received discounted admission to all FCN functions. This alone can save members the cost of membership since we sponsor at least four gatherings per year. It is upon these grounds that we are asking for a rate hike. If you have an opinion or objection, please come to the Board meeting at 7pm on December 5th at THE CENTER on 114 Jefferson. We are interested in you.

If when looking over the newsletter you noticed that this one doesn't look as professional as last month's, that is because this is Emma's first solo. If you noticed there is limited art work on this newsletter, well, that's because we are still very much in the learning stages. If you noticed how many mistakes are in the articles, well, we have a excuse for that too. Frustration with this mechanical marvel has led us to allow 3-5 mistakes per article this month. If you are able to find more than that allowance, please (a little sarcasm here) let us know at your earliest convenience. No matter how you feel about this mailing, just remember with each mailing you should be able to see improvements in THE NETWORK NEWS...I hope.

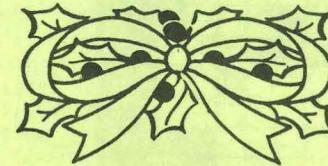
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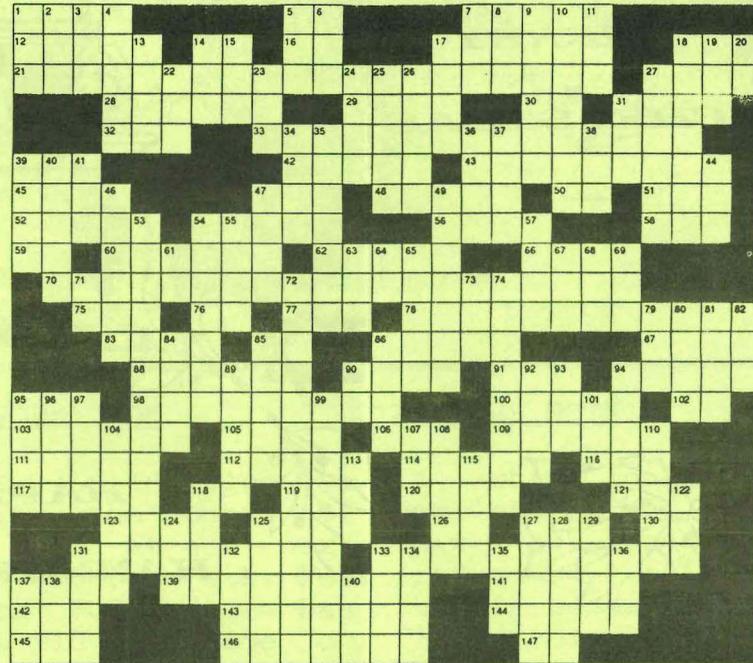


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The News Crossword Puzzle # 6

Across

1. Little bites
5. Nightware
7. Camel's relative
12. A John or belonging to the first man
14. States attorney
16. Sober group
17. Tenor, Alto, Bass, etc.
18. French water
21. Revelation Celebration 4 words
27. Companies?
28. The poet's choice: a sonnet or _____
29. Sandal
30. State abb.
31. Measurement unit
32. With dog or man, both edible
33. Another way of saying 21a.
39. J.O.'s ex
42. A bunch
43. Ganymede's lover
45. Plus jail is chicken by any other name
47. 45a. only more so
48. Swelling
50. Direction
51. Sole
52. Often confused with Superman
54. Ruler of underworld
56. Aqueous body
58. Fr. Saint
59. e.g. oui, yes, ja, etc.
60. Location of ark
62. Old cup or thigh guard
66. Fixes, sort of
70. Request honored by 21a. 6 words
71. Short for liver disease
76. Wade ___ Roe
77. With -lanta, an August must
78. A lord with sovereign authority over an English county
83. With sex, the best plan
85. "It's you or ___"
86. With one, time or odds
87. Prolific author?
88. Part of Gotham
90. "A ___ man is good to find."
91. Best when said by subject of 90a.
94. Without parents, a musical
95. Financial inst.
98. Self-regulating
100. With electric or dentist's
102. Geographic abb.
103. "___ the saddle"
105. Woman's name
106. Faunette or lamb in gay lingo
109. e.g. frozen fruit, juice
111. Sicko
112. Their eyes make witches brew
114. Home of Venus
116. ___ Lanka
117. Seize
118. "___ is" (a play)
119. Tee ___
120. A gay man or the result of angering a fairy
121. Explosive or network
123. Debt or my man
125. Craft
126. Peace keeping org.



127. "Down to the ___ in ships." principle
 130. A state
 131. Infamous nightspot
 133. Belonging to forever young gay man?
 137. Booze flavoring
 139. Animal man
 141. Terra
 142. What a bodybuilder uses
 143. "I'm _____," cried the W.W. of the W.
 144. Liver secretion
 145. 125a. again
 146. New _____
 147. A city or state abb.
- Down**
1. Gay man
 2. Mt. ___
 3. A Nixon
 4. Metal worker
 5. Gung ___, a spicy dish
 6. Improvise musically
 7. Man's nickname
 8. School subject abb.
 9. Swung both ways
 10. Ambulance (slang)
 11. With metric, unbalanced
 13. NY artistic center
 14. Chinese unifying
 15. Scottish dialect for elderly
 17. ___ Dire, an oath of truthful mess
 18. What fairies do at times
 19. Ger. exclamation
 20. Our side pronoun
 22. After taxes
 23. Head of company
 24. Shirtmaker
 25. Highminded
 26. Avarice
 27. How the ark was entered
 31. Government org.
 34. Water bird
 35. "And _____" Dorothy's question and Glinda's answer
 36. St. ___'s fire
 37. Lacking adipose
 38. Direction
 39. Down with or light camel hair fabrics
 40. e.g. Jesse Helm's response to Mapplethorpe
 41. Three
 44. Born
 46. Copies
 47. African leader or dance dress
 49. ___ sabers (swords)
 53. Coming out hint (3 words)
 54. Slang for homosexual
 55. Asian country'
 57. "___ dead!"
 61. Radio frequency
 63. Opposite of fore
 64. Holy abb.
 65. Thin
 67. "She ___ Sapphist."
 68. Semusolid
 69. Travel abb.
 71. State abb.
 72. "___ to Earth"
 73. Shipping abb.
 74. ___ London
 79. Beach objective
 80. Lodging places
 81. Short fibers
 82. Direction
 84. Mythical creature or gay youth
 85. Persistent racial memory Gr.
 86. Gear for horses
 89. Repayable monies
 90. Greeting
 92. Amour
 93. A respectful reply
 94. Warning
 95. Male only
 96. Den
 97. ___ breve
 99. Sofa or table
 101. Weighty abb.
 104. Sapphist in slang
 107. Devil
 108. "___" (a princess signs out)
 110. Harsh or metallic
 113. Gel
 115. ___ Ranger
 118. Too
 122. Crossdressers
 124. Sapphist
 125. Tammy & Jim
 127. Iberia
 128. Too soon
 129. Before
 131. Homosexual man
 132. See 131d.
 133. Found Northern state
 134. Units of energy
 135. Johnny ___
 136. Stock market abb.
 137. Distress signal
 138. Fib
 140. Funny farm chain

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